

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

By Councilman Timmy Lejeune

III. ROLL CALL

IV. CONDOLENCES

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- James Bellard – Solid Waste

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

June 17, 2015

VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

*Items passed through committee.

- Enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Beau Chene High School for the purpose of spreading stone on the school's parking lot.
- Vote on five appointments to the Bayou Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 12. Applicants seeking reappointment are: Michael John Bourgeois, Andrew White, Blaine Joubert, Ira Stanford Jr. and Kyle Smith.
This is a four year term set to expire 07-15-2019.
- Vote on one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 to replace Eddie Thibodeaux who has resigned. Applicants are Johnny Timmons and Jennifer Cravins.
- Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for two appointments to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1.
- Request the Parish Public Works Department assess the curves on Chretien Point Road to have reflective signs placed.
- Request Parish President Bill Fontenot contact the Department of Transportation and Development to have Jennings Road at Hwy 742 and Hwy 190 evaluated for the installation of caution lights.
- Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.
- Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for two appointments to the Hospital District No. 2 (Opelousas General)
- Request Parish Administration to provide a list of all equipment sold by the St. Landry Parish Animal Shelter.
- Request Parish Administration to provide a report of expenditures paid out of the Jail Maintenance Fund for professional fees.
- Request Parish Administration to provide a report on discrepancies between the revenues and expenditures in the Delta Grand Fund.
- Request Parish Administration to provide the financial reports for the General Fund.
- Discuss the payment of the outstanding balance for filing fees to St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court.

IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- Discuss the Attorney General’s opinion regarding the Smooth Ride Home Sales Tax. (Councilwoman Pam Gautreau)
- Request Parish Administration to provide a report of all monies spent and collected from the Smooth Ride Home Sales Tax for this year and the prior year. (Councilman Huet Dupre)

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

None.

XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-002**

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

That the Ward 4 Precinct 9 polling location is hereby relocated from the Big Cane Baptist Church located at 2314 Hwy. 107 Morrow, LA to the District 7 Fire Station located at 3449 Hwy. 361 Morrow LA.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-003**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CODE OF ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE :

Section 1. The Code entitled "The Code of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 46, each inclusive, is adopted.

Section 2. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before November 19, 2014, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed.

Section 3. The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

Section 4. Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished by a fine of up to \$500.00 or a term of imprisonment of up to 30 days in the parish jail or both. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the Parish may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

Section 5. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the Parish to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

Section 6. Ordinances adopted after November 19, 2014, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective _____

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-004**

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO.: 2010-002; AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES SETTING FORTH THE VOTING PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

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

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2010-002, to read as follows:

8) Prior to casting a vote to confirm a nominee, the Clerk shall confirm advertisement for the appointment of said commission seat which shall have been published once in the Legal Journal.

XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:

None.

XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 1st, 2015
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred called roll:

PRESENT: Jerry Red, Ronald Buschel, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville, and Leon Robinson, Ex-Officio: ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews.

2. Councilman Jerry Red led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

3. Persons to address the Committee:
There were none.

4. Public Works Report:

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Contractors, on the Smooth Ride Home, are working between the rains, but progress is slower than normal because of rain. I have a request from the School Board that Beau Chene High School is trying to upgrade their parking lot. They need some stone and they're going to buy the stone. They asked if we could spread it. I would think this would need an intergovernmental agreement. I'm putting that before you for consideration."

A motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Red, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to forward to the full Council for consideration entering into an intergovernmental agreement between the St. Landry Parish Government and Beau Chene High for the purposes of spreading stone in the school parking lot.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

5. Vote on five appointments to the Bayou Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 12. Applicants seeking reappointment are: Michael John Bourgeois, Andrew White, Blaine Joubert, Ira Stanford Jr., and Kyle Smith.

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to forward to the full Council the vote on five (5) appointments to the Bayou Plaquemine Gravity Drainage District No. 12.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville, Jerry Red. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

6. Vote on one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 to replace Eddie Thibodeaux who has resigned. Applicants are Johnny Timmons and Jennifer Cravins.

A motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Red, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to forward to the full Council the vote on one appointment to the Lawtell Water District No. 1 board.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Gary Courville, Jerry Red, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

Julie David, "I provided some documentation to each of you. A copy of the District 6 bylaws; also a copy of Revised Statute 48:602. There is a paragraph, page 103 of the Revised Statute, it sets forth the District's ability to acquire and maintain roads without limitation. It's also contained in the bylaws. I would like to have interpretation by the Council, either by Mr. Doucet, Counsel for District 6, or by Mr. Pitre. If they can't provide a determination as to whether or not this allows District 6 to do the work on Bear Street without it being taken in by the Commission, then I would like to have it presented to the AG for determination."

Councilman Jerry Red, "Mr. Chairman, the last paper that we had is the one I got from our Supervisor of Public Works stating that the road is not up to specs to be taken in. I don't see anything we can do at the present time."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "Can we ask for an Attorney's General opinion if Road District 6 can take that road into their system and they provide the work on it so that these people can get some relief? I think that

you asked for the attorney to report back. I'm going to ask for an Attorney's General opinion. They may have some cases where we can have something to stand on so Road District 6 can take that road in."

Julie David, "This issue is whether or not District 6 can take it in without involving the Police Jury at all."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "We did forward it to Mr. Pitre to seek out an Attorney's General opinion if District 6 could take the road in and do the services on that private road. We need to wait for Mr. Pitre's answer from the Attorney's General office."

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to have Council Clerks forward a letter to Legal Advisor, Chad Pitre, requesting that he provide further clarification on the request for an Attorney's General opinion regarding the Bear Street matter at the full Council meeting of July 15, 2015.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

7. Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for two appointments to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

A motion was offered by Councilman Gary Courville, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to forward to the full Council to authorize Council Clerks to advertise two appointments to the Faquetaique Gravity Drainage District No. 1.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

8. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee:

A) Councilman Alvin Stelly, "When will the drainage start on those new overlaid roads Mr. Fontenot? We've got problems with drainage on Meche Road and Church Road, water is going over the roads."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "The road side drainage, we have been trying to stay with the contract with regard to cleaning out the road side ditches, to see if getting those ditches clean would help us make progress in making sure the water that falls on the road and the roadway right-of-way gets down to the right lateral. Where water is going over the road we'll just have to investigate those, because that sounds like areas where some outfall drainage needs to be reviewed."

Councilman Alvin Stelly, "The road ditches are plugged up all over since they overlaid those roads that's why we have no drainage. On Meche Road; Church Road."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We have tried to stay ahead of them."

Councilman Alvin Stelly, "Who is the contractor that has the contract?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Prairie Construction in that area. Their contract doesn't require any ditch digging, so we're trying to do that with our public works crews."

B) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman. We have a Mr. Shoemaker in the audience. There's been an issue that's been ongoing with a gentleman that lives at the end of Blue Springs Road. He has cut off the drainage of Blue Springs, which is supposed to go underneath the end of the road and go into the lateral. However, the gentleman has stopped it. It's not allowing the ditches to drain on Blue Springs. Mr. Shoemaker has contacted Public Works, they've told him that it is a private property issue. This is not a private property issue. Y'all have a map in front of you that Mr. Shoemaker provided, from the drainage board, showing how the water is supposed to be draining. I think this gentleman, and everybody else that is affected at the end of Blue Springs, needs to have this addressed. I'm asking your Committee to have Public Works go out there and reassess that situation."

John Shoemaker, "My name is John Shoemaker, I live at 265 Boykins Road in Sunset. I have photographs where the man took half the drainage out of the road and left it that way. What I'm addressing is Blue Springs public road and the Blue Springs private road. The map shows the elevations on it. Just about fifty (50') feet from where it shows an access to Blue Springs Road, the elevation is one hundred and one (101') feet. Where Jordan Werger is stopping everything, there is an eight (8") inch ditch that he claims water doesn't drain, it's seventy eight (78') feet. Down where this pipe is causing all the problem it's forty five (45') feet. I also furnished you all a map of the lateral. It goes across two (2) pieces of property, goes under Curleys Road, and it ends up in the bayou. All that water in the bayou comes from that drainage. Here's the pictures. Here's one half (1/2) of the road where he took it out. The water has gotten the height of the road, knee high. I went to Bruce Gaudin and he wrote him a letter trying to be a good neighbor, just take care of it. He refuses, because he has been taking care of that road for twenty (20) years and he can do whatever he wants. Right now my property is to the point where I cannot cut grass the entire width of my property along with this crawfish pond that it shows there. The other thing that's frustrating is nobody seems to own the lateral. Blue Springs Road drains to that eight (8") inch ditch, makes a left hand turn, goes across two (2) pieces of property, goes under Curleys Road, keeps going to the east and drains into the bayou. Besides doing that, he even had fourteen (14") inches of dirt packed on the road, he's plugging it. They put in a big, thirty (30") inch ditch, but it only drains down to fourteen (14") inches. All that water off Blue Springs Road drains onto me and stays there. It's Bayou Bourbeux. The one that runs alongside Chretien Point."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "Mr. Chairman, Ms. Pam, what drainage district handles that?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "That's going to be the Bellevue Coulee Croche."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "Should we request a letter be sent to them, for them to look at that, at least?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Blue Springs is supposed to drain down. The man has it stopped up; he has stopped a parish road from being able to drain into the lateral, into the bayou. So, it's also a parish issue. This isn't just a drainage board issue."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I'm going to follow up on that. I'll help you resolve it."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Fontenot, can you give us an answer by the full Council meeting?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes, Sir."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "Ms. Pam, would you like to send a letter to that drainage board as well?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Yes, I think it would be in our best interest to contact the drainage board, have a letter and ask them to go out and also assess the situation from the other side, from their view point. I think they're going to have to get involved as well."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Fontenot, would you call the drainage district, as a representative, and ask them to give you some information on what they got and bring that back in your report?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "In fact, I'll invite one of them to come with me."

C) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Buschel, also the ditching on Chretien Point Road, the road has been paved, but the road is extremely dark at night. There is nothing to delineate where the edge of the road is. Nothing has been cut to allow the water to drain off into the ditches. The ditches are stopped up. There's culverts that are crushed that were never changed out. I'm going to ask your Committee to have Public Works take a look at putting signs up where the curves are on Chretien Point Road. I think we need to address it with some type of curve signage, something that's reflective at night."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "I would like to make a motion that, Mr. Fontenot if you would, send the Public Works department out there to assess where signs need to be placed for the safety of the motorists."

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to forward to the full Council, that the Public Works department assess the curves and erect reflective signs in the curves on Chretien Point Road.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville. NAYS: ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABSTAIN: None.

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D) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Buschel, Billeaux Road, the residents have been complaining that no one is taking care of the pot holes while waiting for that road to be paved. It's become quite dangerous."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Fontenot, could we get you look at this one, too, and bring it back to us at the full Council meeting?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes Sir."

E) Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "I was called about a hazardous condition on Jennings Road and [Hwy.] 742, in that curve. Should we try to get the State to put a red and yellow blinking light there?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We can write to the DOTD (Department of Transportation and Development) and ask them to evaluate that intersection."

Councilman Jerry Red, "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Bill, can you add that location on [Hwy.]190 that we talked about, by that Dollar General Store?"

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to forward to the full Council, that Parish President Bill Fontenot contact the DOTD and have Jennings Road at Hwy. 742 and Hwy. 190 at the Dollar General Store evaluated for the installation of caution lights.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

F) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, Friendly Lane, is a private road. They're having some issues with people not cutting their grass. It's Friendly Lane, off of Mouton, right outside of Cankton."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Fontenot will look into and get back with us."

G) Councilman Dexter Brown, "Mr. Bill, there's a fire hydrant that was broken by the contractors that dug the ditches on Wisdom Road. I spoke with the Lawtell Water District No. 1 and they said that they can replace it but they'll need to bill somebody."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Should I call the district to tell them who to bill it to?"

Councilman Dexter Brown, "Yes Sir. Contact the contractors that dug the ditches first and we can go from there."

9. Adjournment:

A motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Red, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, to adjourn this meeting of the St. Landry Parish Public Works Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fekisha Miller Matthews. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

This meeting was adjourned.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 1st, 2015
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1. Chairman Wayne Ardoin called the Administrative/Finance Committee of the St. Landry Parish Council to order.
Council Clerk Laycie Alfred called roll:
PRESENT: Huet Dupre, Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards:
ABSENT: None.
2. Persons to address the Committee:
John Trahan, "Good evening, I was here for the last full Council meeting when Mr. Moosa gave his audit presentation. Do they have any rules when you're issued a credit card? What you can do or what you can't do?"
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes."
John Trahan, "I've heard it come up more than once that credit cards have been turned in with no receipts and, it seems like, the practice is still going on."
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I wouldn't call it a blatant violation, since they checked about sixty six thousand (\$66,000.⁰⁰) dollars' worth of receipts and fourteen hundred (\$1,400.⁰⁰) and something dollars was found without receipts, but they were found to be valid charges."
John Trahan, "Are there any rules that you can't turn a charge in without having the receipts attached to it?"
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Sure."
John Trahan, "Is everybody aware of it?"
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes Sir, they are."
John Trahan, "Is there any punishment that goes along with it if they don't follow the rules?"
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Whenever it is discovered that there is no receipt, a receipt is attempted to be retrieved. If it's something that just falls through the cracks we identify who made the expenditure, then we do counsel them. If it's a habit we do discipline."
John Trahan, "Thank you."
3. Parish President's report:
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I don't have anything additional to report."
4. Discuss the agreement made by Parish President Bill Fontenot to pay fifty percent of the base mapping cost for a Geographic Information System (GIS) without the Council's approval. And also what fund it will be paid out of: (Councilman Wayne Ardoin)
Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Fontenot, do you have what fund it is going to be paid out of?"
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes, it is going out of the general fund."
Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "In the amount of twenty six (\$26,000.⁰⁰), twenty seven (\$27,000.⁰⁰)."
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I have contracted a purchase of the software for fifty one plus thousand (\$51,000.⁰⁰) dollars. Eventually, it will probably cost us twenty five (\$25,000.⁰⁰), since Economic Development has committed to paying half of it. But, I don't need their money for half of it. I feel it is a very progressive move on the Parish Government's part after viewing the GIS advantages. I have looked at East and West Baton Rouge parish information systems and, also Lafayette, Acadia, Jeff Davis. This GIS mapping system will pay for itself within a year because, just in adjudicated properties and our ability to be more efficient in collecting taxes on properties that are adjudicated and/or selling off these properties, will bring into the parish thousands of dollars, far in excess of the twenty six (\$26,000.⁰⁰) or fifty two (52,000.⁰⁰) thousand. This will be a tool that will be able to be used by the citizens just as you can use the tools on these other GIS maps in other parishes. You can point anywhere on that map and, wherever you touch it, it will give you information about the property, the ownership, certainly some private information will not be provided, but the latest transactions. It gives citizens who are in the business of economic development, who are in the business of developing properties, or just farming, to determine what properties are available and whether or not it is adjudicated. The Sheriff's office will be able to use it for various functions including law enforcement. It helps the cities in our parish. They will be able to better account for the properties in their cities and also tax collections in their cities. The assessor will be able to do the same. Tourism will be on there as well, where one can click on and find out every tourist stop, every available restaurant; every available bed and breakfast. It is a continually upgraded map. It is something I made the decision to purchase, just as I have purchased many pieces of software in the past."
Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, I have a question. The last financial statement that was

issued to us, the general fund was left out of it. So, when you state that the money is going to come out of the general fund, we've got some budgets, some funds already running a little wonky. You're saying that you don't need the Economic Development's half of the money, because you've already allocated fifty something thousand dollars to this?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Right."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "We don't have the general fund statements."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I don't know how that makes a difference in my decision. We will pay for this out of the general fund. It will probably be paid over time. I don't necessarily have to have all of the money at one time. It is a very valid expenditure and, I believe, one that the parish cannot do without in order to be progressive and competitive in today's times."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Fontenot, in reference to this. I think it's a great idea, but if a person is traveling from Caddo Parish to St. Landry Parish and they have an I-phone, can they not punch in on their I-phone and find some locations here in St. Landry Parish without this mapping system?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Sure, that's not what this is all about. This is a more complete system."

5. Request administration provide a report of any remaining revenue from the Gustav Fund:
(Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

A) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "I asked for that, Mr. Fontenot, at the May [2015] meeting. You were supposed to provide us with that and it hasn't come up yet."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "The only reason it's not complete is because, with all this rain, we haven't completed every project. As we're getting to the end of completion and we get a handle on the exact dollar amount I'll certainly give you a full report of what's been expended on the projects you've approved so far. It looks like we will be able to apply for another seven hundred thousand (\$700,000.⁰⁰) dollars' worth. We're looking at several projects that, hopefully, will qualify for this funding. I'm looking to submit about a million (\$1,000,000.⁰⁰) dollars' worth, which I will bring before you before submitting. I think that what we will not get approved, under the Gustav fund, we may be able to justify expending as part of the Smooth Ride Home fund, because it will be projects who's drainage will impact the condition of the roads. I think we'll be able to cover a million (\$1,000,000.⁰⁰) dollars' worth of expenses between the combination of the Gustav fund and the Smooth Ride Home fund."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman. Mr. Fontenot the monies from the Smooth Ride Home, that sales tax, the dedication is for the drainage and the improvement of roads. So, we're not using that money? We're going to wait for grant monies to take care of the drainage?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I suggest to you that the major components and the major improvement is the condition of the roads. So, that is the priority. If we determine an area that takes some time, then the money can be used, the Smooth Ride Home, to address those. But, right now, roads are right there, within the right-of-way, and we have all the justification and the ability to improve those. That's making progress. The drainage is being identified as we go and that will be included in the program."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "So, when we're contracting out for the roads the drainage is not included in the price of the bid?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "No Ma'am. It's not. We have one (1) drainage that was identified. We knew, absolutely, it could be done within an existing right-of-way. When you have a right-of-way that's not existing and you have to do the due diligence to get right-of-way permission, identify who owns the property; that takes time. We don't want to slow up the road projects while we work on resolving those issues."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "I'm talking about the actual ditches that have been in existence now, like the ditches along the roads that we're fixing."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "That is something that we plan to do with our own forces."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Can any bridges be changed under this Gustav fund?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "There's a possibility. Of course, bridges cost a whole lot of money."

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "The bridge that I'm talking about on Will Landry Road. We've got three (3) different entities that can pay their share on that bridge. With the Gustav money, can you pay your share of it?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We might be able to do that."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Fontenot, the crossing at Country Ridge. Ward One South Drainage District has requested some funds. It was brought up by our past administrator that he was going to look at the Gustav funds to be used there, if they would pay their half and we would pay our half."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I've agreed to do that. That'll be on the list for you approve."

6. Request administration to provide a copy of the contract with Steve Moosa with Darnall, Sikes, Gardes, & Frederick: (Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman. Mr. Moosa, do you get called in when the Finance Director finds out that there's an issue with a particular fund in the budget, be it over or under, the adopted budget?"

Steven Moosa, "No, I do not. The protocol is that, when the financial department identifies a budget overage or shortfall in the revenue of more than five (5%) percent, they're supposed to bring it to the attention of the Parish President. Then he addresses it and brings it for a budget amendment if it is determined that the budget will not be met or exceeded by more than five (5%) percent."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "When the budget is exceeded, without the Council's approval or without the Council's knowledge, the monies have to be made up from somewhere."

Steven Moosa, "That's correct."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "You only come in here once a year, you do your audit, and then you're done? Is that it?"

Steven Moosa, "Yes. Last year they asked us to come in and present the template. The legislative auditors and the state representatives passed a law that says budgets have to be presented in a certain format. Expenditures incurred today remain the expenditures expected for the remainder of the year and then are compared to the last adopted budget. Also, present the original budget so you have an idea of where the original budget was to where the last amended budget was, compared to where you are today."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Also, regarding your contract. When I asked the question, at the last full Council meeting what your contract was worth to your company, you stated it was roughly around sixty five thousand (\$65,000.⁰⁰) dollars."

Steven Moosa, "That's what the audit fee was for last year."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "But, what other components of Parish Government do you also handle?"

Steven Moosa, "As part of your report, we handle some of the component units which is like the Workforce Investment Board; the AG Arena; the St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission. For them to save some money, instead of them having to issue a separate report, they include their information in your report. They fall under your control, in essence. Therefore, they are allowed to present their financial information within your report. They are billed separately."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "They are billed separately? But, according to some of these financial documents, you got paid almost one hundred thousand (\$100,000.⁰⁰) dollars last year."

Steven Moosa, "If everything goes correct we propose an audit fee of about sixty seven thousand (\$67,000.⁰⁰). However, when they have all these miscodings and the budget fund balances are all out of control, we do a lot of record keeping that we then have to present to the financial department for them to make those corrections. In order for the audit to get done in a timely manner it would probably take them several weeks, if not months, to fix. There's a time limit. The audit needs to be done within six (6) months of the fiscal year end. We usually get the financial records by the end of March and we do some planning procedures into April. Then we come out and start doing our field work. When we discover that there are a lot of exceptions we ask, 'Do you want us to use our expertise to assist you to reconcile these,' we give it back and say, 'Okay, you see where the problems are, you accept them,' and they, then, correct their accounting records. Then we can move forward to do the audit. Those additional fees were also to make sure everything is in order. We had nine (9) findings on the audit this past year. Many were dealing with miscodings, budget variances, or bank recs not being done timely. For the last four (4) out of five (5) years, we had finding regarding miscodings. This past year we proposed eighty three (83) adjustments just dealing with miscodings, that's why we've got budget variances. When the information you're using to prepare those budgets, in house and you have these miscodings, you have to re-class it, then you go compare that to your budget it's going to be out of variance. But, then this year we had, in addition to the normal audit procedures, y'all passed the sales tax bond last year. A lot of those records were started, yet when we came in we had to read all these bond contracts and make sure they were being accounted for properly. You have to account for debt service fund, monies we set aside to pay the bonds, any excess monies are kept in the special revenue fund, sales tax revenue fund. And then, as these contracts are coming in, we're bidding out these road improvements, the monies are transferred to a capital projects fund to ensure that those monies are there to pay the contractors. We had to assist with making sure all that was accounted for properly."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Moosa, in other words, the sixty seven thousand (\$67,000.⁰⁰) dollars is more like eighty six thousand (\$86,000.⁰⁰) dollars."

Steven Moosa, "We do the audit for sixty seven (\$67,000.⁰⁰) and then the additional work is another twenty (\$20,000.⁰⁰) or so. If we wouldn't have the exceptions when we came in, if all the records were in order and we able to take a trial balance then we would just take that and put it in the audit report. We got to try out everything a little bit early because we anticipated there would be problems with the prior fund balances, reconciliations, because of the turn over that occurred in your office. Personnel."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Regarding credit cards. You have gotten your receipts now, what you needed?"

Steven Moosa, "We didn't go back to follow up. I did look back, for the year on the credit card charges, you roughly have seven (7) to eight (8) credit cards issued to administrative personnel that are used by different individuals at some point."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Those are American Express?"

Steven Moosa, "We looked at the different individuals who had credit card charges in their name and there was one hundred thirty four thousand (\$134,000.⁰⁰) dollars of charges. Of the one hundred thirty four thousand (\$134,000.⁰⁰) in charges we looked at over fifty thousand (\$50,000.⁰⁰) just from our analysis. Now, again, when we come in and audit we do a sampling. We had no exceptions except for two (2) months. The receipts that were missing were about one thousand four hundred (\$1,400.⁰⁰) dollars on total charges for that individual of twenty thousand (\$20,000.⁰⁰), so we had the receipts for thirty thousand (\$30,000.⁰⁰). On that thirty thousand (\$30,000.⁰⁰) dollars of charges we were just missing a couple of receipts. That was for one of the individuals who left."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman. Mr. Fontenot, when you took office you assured the Parish Council that the state legislative audit, with the credit cards, was no longer going to be an issue. We seem to have some problems with controls. I'm wondering why? When we're given the financial statements, or we're given a budget, and the Council adopts a budget; to this day you still have not presented us with the amended budget from last year to adopt. That's not in compliance with the Governmental Budget Act. What is the issue, in Parish Government, that it's a constant miscoding of funds? The findings of the animal shelter, apparently, there was no reconciliations between the cash and

the deposits. Who answers for all of this?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I do. It's being remedied. Every year, when you have an audit, most of the time it's tough to get a perfect score, but, as I see it, there's no money missing. Credit cards, a very minimal amount of receipts that wasn't accounted for,"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "There should be none. With the history we have of credit cards in this parish we should have no problems with the credit cards."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "As far as I'm concerned we don't have any."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "The fact that there's no receipts turned in. That person should have to pick up the tab instead himself or herself, whoever charged on that card."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It is not only a receipt that verifies the expenditure, it's the knowledge of myself as to what was expended and where it was expended."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Where was it expended?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I'd have to look at the records. But, I can tell you what I'm looking at on those cards, on those few receipts that weren't turned in, I can, with confidence, say that it was expended where it was charged."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "We don't know where it was charged."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It shows on the credit card. Yes, we know. You just don't have the hard receipt."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Moosa, with this fourteen hundred (\$1,400.⁰⁰) dollar charge, if you locate it, will you send it to the Finance Committee?"

Steven Moosa, "Yes, I can go back and inquire."

7. Discuss the amount of professional fees paid to Cornerstone:

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Fontenot, I think we paid something like forty thousand (\$40,000.⁰⁰) dollars to Cornerstone according to the general fund transactions. Have they reported anything, or given us anything back for what they have done in the legislature, or anything for Parish Government or for this Parish Council?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "They continue to work it and conference call with us on a weekly, or sometimes bi-weekly, basis. In this session, unless the Governor lines it out, their efforts have gotten us a half a million (\$500,000.⁰⁰) dollars in what's called Priority One, to begin the planning that's necessary over at the Economic Development District for the event center. With another million (\$1,000,000.⁰⁰) or a million and a half (\$1,500,000.⁰⁰) in another priority since you have to spend the planning money first. They have also cleared up an issue for the SLED building. It was purchased with an economic development incentive that, if it created so many permanent jobs over a certain period, that the loan would be turned into a grant and be forgiven. They helped us with that as well."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Why are we paying for economic inducement if we're not receiving anything for this Parish Government? Are they paying their part?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes they are."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "I'm going to ask this Committee that you give us a report whenever we have something like that, Mr. Fontenot."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It was brought to you when we hired them. I did not ask your permission, but I did report to you that Cornerstone was working for us."

8. Discuss the fees paid in the amount of \$25,803 to Manco Vegetation Management, Inc.:
(Councilman Huet Dupre)

Councilman Huet Dupre, "Mr. Bill, I think this is the amount that was paid last year to Manco for spraying the whole parish. District 4 was not sprayed and, I think, there's two (2) or three (3) other districts that weren't sprayed."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It's never the total parish that's sprayed. It's on a case by case basis. To spray the whole parish is not affordable. We do have them under contract to spray when we need them. If, in District 4 or any location that we identify that we cannot timely get to with our normal mowing, then we will consider spraying in those areas."

Councilman Huet Dupre, "I thought when y'all signed that contract that it was for spraying the whole parish?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Right, it was to be used in the whole parish. But, not necessarily to spray the whole parish."

Councilman Huet Dupre, "I got all kind of excuses when I ask some of those boys; they were just spraying the taxing district."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It doesn't have to be in a taxing district that the need is identified. We can spray anywhere in the parish."

Councilman Huet Dupre, "I know District 4 wasn't sprayed at all."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "If it wasn't sprayed it's because we anticipated that we would get to the grass, or the vegetation control, with our regular mowing operation. If you have a particular area that continues to linger then I would consider spraying it."

9. Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority:

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards to forward to the full Council that the Council Clerks are authorized to advertise for one appointment to the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Huet Dupre, Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards.
NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

10. Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for two appointments to the Hospital District No. 2: (Opelousas General)

A motion was offered by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, to forward to the full Council, that the Council Clerks are authorized to advertise for two appointments to the Hospital District No. 2.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards, Huet Dupre. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

11. Discuss any other business properly brought before this committee:

A) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "We're having a problem with witnesses that are being sent in here [Council Chambers] during a trial. We need to put some rules in place where people will not come and sit in the back when they're here as a witness."

Councilman Dexter Brown, "Can we put some temporary rope?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "We did."

Councilman Dexter Brown, "You say y'all did. What happened?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "They just took it down."

Councilman Dexter Brown, "The people?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "Yes."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "That's what I was going to ask, I think Mr. Howard could address some of the problem."

Howard Andres, Security officer, "I understand that there's a problem with that, I'll make sure my deputies know that no one's to be back there. They won't be in this building unless there's a deputy in the building."

Councilman Leon Robinson, "What about them using the building across the street? The Delta Grand."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "That's also an option. We can ask them about that."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman. Ms. Laycie, what is the event coming in August?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "I know it doesn't have anything to do with the court. The

Government office called and said they would be using it August 15th [2015]."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "This is probably U.S. Senator Cassidy. I'll check on that."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "This is the only space allocated to the Council and the fact that we have asked, in the past, to have this cordoned off, it needs to be addressed. We also did that for the Council Clerk's safety as well."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I can bring the message to the Judges that when the Judge issues his orders he can emphasize in his instructions that they not sit in those chairs."

B) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "I have one (1) item regarding the financial statements from January through March of 2015. In the health unit, there was over fourteen thousand (\$14,000.⁰⁰) dollars' worth of equipment sold. Do we know what the equipment was?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Sure we know, but I don't know sitting right here."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Can you get that?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes."

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly, to forward to the full Council that Parish Administration provide to the Council a list of equipment sold by the St. Landry Parish Animal Shelter.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Huet Dupre, Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

C) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "On the jail maintenance fund, there was three thousand (\$3,000.⁰⁰) dollars budgeted for professional fees. We've already spent seven thousand four hundred (\$7,400.⁰⁰) dollars as of March 2015. I'm wondering why we're having such an exorbitant for professional fees from the jail maintenance fund."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I'll get that for you."

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, to forward to the full Council that Parish Administration provide to the Council a report of expenditures paid for professional fees out of the jail maintenance fund.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards, Huet Dupre. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

D) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "The Delta Grand maintenance fund. We're showing January through March [2015], the income is only nineteen thousand (\$19,000.⁰⁰) dollars, we've already expended seventy nine thousand (\$79,000.⁰⁰) dollars."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I'll review that too."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Also, please make note that the general fund has been omitted from that financial statement."

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly, to forward to the full Council that Parish Administration provide to the Council a report on discrepancies between the revenues and expenditures in the Delta Grand maintenance fund and also to provide the general fund financial report.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Huet Dupre, Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

E) Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "The litter abatement fund, Mr. Chairman. The budget was two hundred ninety five thousand (\$295,000.⁰⁰) dollars expected revenue. We have two dollars and sixty five cents (\$2.⁶⁵) as of March 2015. Total expenses were forty seven thousand (\$47,000.⁰⁰) dollars. The airport, you've got three hundred eighteen thousand (\$318,000.⁰⁰) dollars budgeted in revenue. So far in March [2015] we brought in sixty eight thousand (\$68,000.⁰⁰) dollars, but we've already spent one hundred two thousand (\$102,000.⁰⁰) dollars. We still have nine (9) months left to go and we're already showing a seventy four (74%) percent overage in that particular budget."

F) Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "Mr. Bill, do y'all still have control of Community Action?"
Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We still have control."

G) Councilman Dexter Brown, "Regarding the St. Landry Parish Council versus Mr. William K. Fontenot, suit no. C-124401. Ms. Scherri Guidry filed the suit; when she filed suit it was for nine hundred thirty one dollars and fifty cents (\$931.⁵⁰). That filing fee wasn't paid."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Brown, would you give Ms. Laycie a copy of it and we'll bring it up at the full Council and see about paying the nine hundred thirty one dollars and fifty cents (\$931.⁵⁰)."

A motion was offered by Councilman Huet Dupre, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly, to forward to the full Council payment of filing fees due to the St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court in the matter St. Landry Parish Council versus William K. Fontenot, Suit No. C-124401. On roll call vote: YEAS: Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards, Huet Dupre. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

H) Councilman Jerry Red, "I'm asking that Solid Waste give us a print out, for the last eight (8) years, of funds given to each municipality, as well as to Parish Government."

A motion was offered by Councilman Alvin Stelly, seconded by Councilman Huet Dupre, to forward to the full Council that St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission provide to the full Council reports of all funding the commission has provided to municipalities and the Parish Government for the past eight (8) years to the present time. These reports shall include any and all equipment given to the municipalities and the Parish Government.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Huet Dupre, Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

12. Adjourn:

A motion was offered by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, to adjourn this meeting of the St. Landry Parish Administrative Finance Committee.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Huet Dupre, Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was adopted on this, the 1st day of July, 2015.

This meeting was adjourned.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.
MONA COURVILLE, CLERK FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL.**

XV. ADJOURNMENT