

**AMENDED  
AGENDA  
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 17, 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 Jimmie Edwards

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. CONDOLENCES**

**V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

- Laura Ryan- St. Landry Parish Animal Shelter and St. Landry Parish Agricultural Arena
- Judi Terzotis- Representative from the Daily World.
- Gerald Boudreaux- Candidate for Louisiana State Senate District 24
- Winton Vidrine- Landfill Issues
- Thomas DeJean- Landfill Issues

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

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**VII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Steve Moosa with Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick; presentation of the St. Landry Parish Government audit report

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

\*Items passed through committee.

- Appoint Samuel L. Griffin to the District 6 Public Works Commission to replace Joseph Todd Abshire.
- Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for five appointments to the Fire District 7 Board.
- Appoint an official journal for the St. Landry Parish Government. The Eunice News and Daily World have both submitted rates.
- Request Administration provide the financial reports on the Smooth Ride Home Road Tax. Reports should include the amount taken in and also the amount spent up to the present time.
- Decide on terms for Frank Helton and Mary Amy Taylor who have been appointed to the Economic Joint Commission (ECJC). Vote on which appointee will serve a four year term and which appointee will serve a six year term.

**IX. SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

- Discuss the agreement made by Parish President Bill Fontenot to pay fifty percent of the base mapping cost for a Geographic Information System without the Council's approval.
- Request Attorney Chad Pitre to research the legalities and ethics of having immediate family members serving on paid Parish Boards and Commissions.

**X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:**

• **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.

• **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-005**

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

**WHEREAS**, Any Councilmember seeking reimbursement for documented and reasonable expenses shall submit documentation of said expenses to the Administrative Finance Committee.

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to St. Landry Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2-04 (C), the Council shall adopt a system for reimbursements to its members for expenses related to their performance of their official duties.

**WHEREAS**, The Administrative Finance Committee will review the expenses and forward to the full Council for final approval before said expenses are submitted to the Parish Government for reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Parish of St. Landry, that:

- 1) Members seeking reimbursement for expenses related to their performance of their official duties as Council Members shall first be submitted and approved by the Finance Committee.
- 2) All reimbursement expenses approved through the Finance Committee shall be forwarded to the full Council for its approval.
- 3) All reimbursement expenses being approved by the full Council shall be forwarded to Parish Government Administration for final reimbursement.
- 4) Members of the Council shall be prohibited from voting on approval of their individual reimbursement expenses.

## **XI. ORDINANCES TO BE ADOPTED:**

### **• ORDINANCE NO. 2015-001**

#### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2005-0007**

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2005-0007: IDLE-NO WAKE ZONE  
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT, that:**

TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2005-0007, Section 14-57 to read as follows:

(1) Two O'Clock Bayou-For a distance from U.S. Hwy. 190 (New Highway) South to landing (weir).

All other provisions of said Ordinance shall remain unchanged and having the same full effect of law.

## **XII. RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED:**

### **• RESOLUTION NO. 2015-006**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on June 11, 2015, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, October 24, 2015, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy and collect a twenty one and ninety-five hundredths (21.95) mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$1,189,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2015 and ending with the year 2024, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities (including emergency rescue equipment), and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

### **• RESOLUTION NO. 2015-007**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 6 OF THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on June 9, 2015, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, November 21, 2015, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Parish Council to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, this Parish Council hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

#### **PROPOSITION (TAX CONTINUATION)**

Shall Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a special tax of four and fifty-two hundredths (4.52) mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$189,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2017 and ending with the year 2026, for the purpose of maintaining and operating fire protection facilities, purchasing fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Parish Council does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

### **• RESOLUTION NO. 2015-008**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PARISH ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SUNSET.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

**WHEREAS:** A portion of Choctaw Road is located in the Town of Sunset.

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Sunset is requesting assistance for with road maintenance at La. Hwy. 182 and Choctaw Road.

**WHEREAS:** It is in the best interest of both the Town of Sunset and the Parish of St. Landry to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for mutual benefits.  
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish that:  
**SECTION 1:** That the Parish Administration enter into a Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Sunset to assist with road maintenance including gravel and grading at La. Hwy. 182 and Choctaw Road.

- **RESOLUTION NO.2015-009**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PARISH ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF SUNSET.**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

**WHEREAS:** Woody Lane is located in the Town of Sunset.

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Sunset is requesting assistance for and with road maintenance on Woody Lane.

**WHEREAS:** It is in the best interest of both the Town of Sunset and the Parish of St. Landry to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for mutual benefits.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish that:

**SECTION 1:** That the Parish Administration enter into a Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Sunset to assist with providing a grader to spread limestone on Woody Lane.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-010**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ST. LANDRY PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE RURAL RESIDENTS TWICE A WEEK TRASH COLLECTION OR TWO GARBAGE CONTAINERS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the St. Landry Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

**WHEREAS:** Every homeowner in St. Landry Parish will receive one (1) trash cart from Progressive Waste Solutions.

**WHEREAS:** Residences in the rural areas of St. Landry Parish have only one (1) scheduled trash pickup per week, while municipal residences enjoy two (2) pickups per week;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Parish Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish that:

**SECTION 1:** The St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District provide homeowners in rural areas of St. Landry Parish an additional trash cart to be paid by the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste District, or in the alternative, provide for twice a week garbage collection by Progressive Waste Solutions.

### XIII. COMMITTEE MINUTES

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2015  
OLD CITY MARKET, 131 W. BELLEVUE ST.  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. In the absence of Chairman Gary Courville, Chairman Ronald Buschel called this meeting to order.

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred called roll:

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

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

3. Persons to address the Committee:

Mr. Jimmy Akers, "Jimmy Akers, I live at 317 Tall Timbers, Arnaudville, LA., represented by Mr. Alvin Stelly. I got fired up today, because I was driving home and the contractors are backing asphalt trucks down the road, big gravel trucks, tearing up the work they did four (4) months ago. Creating the future pot holes. I got some pictures to show to Mr. Stelly. We're going to go ahead and get that done. My question is, to Mr. Fontenot, I don't seem to be able to find an over-all plan for this road construction anywhere on a website or the Facebook page. There's no map that shows which roads have been completed, because, as someone who pays the sales tax and voted for the sales tax, it would make me feel good to see those little lines being filled in. All I see is, on the agenda to a meeting that is put out the day of the meeting, which roads we're going to talk about; which roads might come up. What I don't see is an over-all plan."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "You haven't seen it on the website, the list of projects? There's 1-A."

Mr. Akers, "I've seen the list of projects that's there."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "That is the plan. If you want to see a sheet or map, we're just not up, technologically, to do it. We hope to have the technology pretty soon to plot them. We'll give you a map when a map is able to be made."

Mr. Akers, "Here's my concern, in the minutes to the meeting of May 6<sup>th</sup> [2015], you were having a conversation with Mr. Malbrough. He was asking the same sort of question about his road and the subdivision. Your comment is 'I don't have that in front of me, but it is our priority. So it's going to be paved. If you give me your number.' Mr. Malbrough asked, 'When?' Mr. Fontenot, 'I don't have that right in front of me, actually, I don't know if I can tell you, because we bid it out. We bid out forty (40) something miles on each contract. Sometimes it takes nine (9) months just to get it back. So, if you give me your name and number I'll get in touch with you.' How do we manage contracts?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Are you here on behalf of Mr. Malbrough?"

Mr. Akers, "No, I'm here on behalf of James Akers."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "And your specific question is, you don't like my response to Mr. Malbrough?"

Mr. Akers, "That's one of the things. No, I don't, particularly, like your response to Mr. Malbrough."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Well people come up here, like you, and ask."

Mr. Akers, "Like me? A tax payer."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Right, exactly, all the good taxpayers. When you come up, and you want to ask me something specific, like Mr. Malbrough did, I don't necessarily have that list of information in front of me. So, with Mr. Malbrough contacting me in my office, we visit with him, show him what we have, and then we can answer, specifically, his questions. We have a hundred (100) miles that we've completed. We have another hundred (100) miles under contract. So, I haven't committed them to memory, but they are listed on the website. So, I don't have, right off the top of my head, the answer necessarily."

Mr. Akers, "But, if it's your priority program?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Mr. Malbrough was, if I remember right, was under a heated condition that night, and was angry about something. Let me just tell you what was going on here. I was trying to make the best of a situation to calm Mr. Malbrough down and, also, get him the information. I believe I did a good and decent job of that. So, if you're going to sit back and just read minutes and read them, just purely as they are, if you're not hearing and seeing it in context, you may not have the same appreciation."

Mr. Akers, "Why do you publish the minutes? We got to be here?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "How can I help you tonight?"

Mr. Akers, "You can help me by getting that map."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "When we start making a map, you'll be able to have the map. We just don't make the map yet."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Anyone else have something they want to present tonight?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question of your committee or Mr. Fontenot? There is a map. The Parish Council adopted the map of roads in July of last year [2014]."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes you did, but what Mr. Akers is asking for, I believe, is an up-to-date map as we pave those roads. We're not necessarily taking that map and lining it and saying complete. That map represents a list, we take the list and we say complete."

Mr. Akers, "I'm also asking for what's complete, what's coming up, what's the next one? How does a person know what's going to happen with their road? How do you feel good about what's going on when you pay two cents (2¢) you pay every time you buy something if you don't know what's going on? It seems to me, like it would just be a relatively simple thing to produce that map. It seems like it would be in your, and this parish's, best interest to have that map."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Fontenot, would you meet with him at a later date?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "If he wants to meet that's fine."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Akers, call and make an appointment and meet with him to discuss this matter."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "No one else to address this Committee?"

4. Public Works Report:

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Mr. Chairman, I do have one item. In addition to what was requested in one of the previous meetings, which we are keeping up with the Gustav/like drainage projects. We are coming to the end of those that were approved, completing the work. So, my goal is, at the next meeting, have a final account, to the best of our ability, with what little work is left. Within a few dollars of what is left. And, also, we'll have a little extra dollars because of under-runs. I'll have a list of two (2) or three (3) projects that would be able to fill and actually help out the Smooth Ride Home program. In other words, additional drainage work, I'll have a recommendation for you all."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "The question I have for you, Mr. Fontenot, is I have had three (3) calls this week about the Taylorville Bridge. That's an ongoing

situation. What can I tell these people?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Which one is that?"

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "The one across from the Bar Pit. Bayou Jack Road."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It's being planned. It's going to be replaced by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management) dollars. Our plans are nearly complete. We hope to bid the bridge in the next six (6) to eight (8) months. We have had many meetings with Federal Emergency Management, as well as state office of Emergency Management. It's quite a few hoops to jump through, but the bridge will be replaced with federal dollars. So, within a year we ought to have that bridge under construction."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Thank you."

5. Discuss the procedures for appointing members to St. Landry Parish boards and commissions: (Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "I put this on the agenda because, the last time we had open seats, we just appointed people to those seats. One of them, we advertised for, because there wasn't a person available for that seat at that time. I would just like to make sure we all understand the procedures in which we're going to do this, because it seems to create a problem with some people in the community and, maybe, some of the council. We did some research and I can't see where we have actually voted to have a real procedure. Would this Council like to entertain a specific procedure on how to do that?"

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "Our attorney's not here tonight?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "He's not coming tonight."

Councilman Jerry Red, "Mr. Chairman, if you remember, at the full Council meeting, I believe our legal counsel said that we could advertise, but I produced every to Councilmember, several different cases where we voted and appointed people when a person resigned from a board. I agree with Mr. Lejeune, if we want to make it a certain way; if you look at it right now, we have one (1) on the agenda tonight. Item number seven (7,) to appoint a person to replace a person that's no longer on that commission."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "There's a little difference, Mr. Red, in this case. The difference is that the Council of District 6 makes a recommendation and you approve it."

Councilman Dexter Brown, "Mr. Chairman, I would just like the Council to take a look at it. I know we advertise for it, say for the Fire Commission, District 3. We advertised for it and we had two (2) applicants, we voted on it. That's when we had a resignation. I brought up the name of the other applicant. And I would, basically, like us to be fair about it. If something would come up then we would just re-advertise for it. We'll just do the same process over. Now, it might delay the appointment process for a month, but I would just like for it to be re-advertised and, if that person would be the only applicant, fine. It's like we gave everybody an opportunity to do, speaking specifically of Fire District 3 appointment, we only had two (2). But, if something happens, and somebody resigned or whatever it may be, I would just like to re-advertise to give the public another opportunity, because, maybe they had a doubt the first time and just give them a second chance to apply for it. That's my concern."

Councilman Jerry Red, "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Brown, you said that when you was at the meeting, or was that the Committee meeting?"

Councilman Dexter Brown, "I was at the full meeting month before last. Whenever he got defeated eleven (11) to one (1.) Mr. Thibodeaux won the appointment. Then, at the last meeting, I had my graduation, Mr. Red, at my school, and I could make the meeting. My concern was, and this is just my opinion on the situation, I wasn't at the last full meeting."

Councilman Jerry Red, "I do have a paper from our Council Clerk, the procedures, it says in 'Section 2-1-1, the voting procedures for the appointments of Commissioners. The voting procedures for the appointment of Commissioners shall be as follows: A list of all eligible nominees for Commissioner's seats shall be given to members of the Council. The nominee list shall be projected onto a screen for public viewing (which I've never seen.) Each Councilmember shall mark on the list of nominees they are voting to appoint. Upon roll call (which we do) then the Council Clerk shall, by roll call being taken and recorded all and upon completion of the roll call, after the list are cast, then we tabulate it and then we confirm it.' I believe this is how we do it in most cases. But, we don't do it for resignations. If we want to make an ordinance to do the same thing when a person resigns from it I don't have a problem with it. If you want to make that motion Mr. Lejeune."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "I would like to make that motion and forward it."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "I want to point out, before we go any farther, you just brought this question up about District 6 appointment. District 6 and District 5 are appointed by the Commission themselves. Not this board. This board only ratifies that they appointed. The reason that they had to ratify it is because they are a taxable organization that collects a tax and it has to have a certification of this board to make the appointment to the Commission. It specifically states in the Revised Statutes that you do not make the appointments, the board makes the appointments."

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to forward to the full Council, the introduction of an ordinance to amend the ordinance for appointing of persons to boards and commissions in St. Landry Parish. This amendment is to set forth procedures for advertising a seat on a board or commission which is vacated by the resignation of a board or commission member.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

6. Discuss procedures for trash pick-up in the Parish: (Councilman Timmy Lejeune)

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "We had a lengthy discussion about trash pick-up at the last meeting. I saw, in the paper, that they're going to go ahead and proceed picking up trash with our trash cans along with the blue container that they're providing us with. I did receive some phone calls and I don't think that's quite good enough. I would like for the Council to try to attend one (1) of their meetings in support of, either getting a second can passed to everyone in rural St. Landry Parish, or a second pick-up for everyone in rural St. Landry Parish. We would like to be treated like the people in the municipalities. You can understand that they're complaining about spending a hundred (\$100.<sup>00</sup>) dollars on a trash container when, without any documentation, I do want to believe that it would probably cost more than a hundred (\$100.<sup>00</sup>) per year to do a second trash pick-up at any given house in the municipalities. Therefore, I don't feel that the people of rural St. Landry Parish should have to be told that 'If we break your trash can, it's a broken trash can, you can't blame us. If we squeeze it too hard or we damage it it's not our fault.' Then provide us with adequate amount of equipment so you don't have to squeeze my trash can and you don't have to tell me that you're not going to take care of the broken container. I was hoping that our attorney would have been here, because I would like to know if it's actually constitutional for them to divide that tax revenue in that process. It seems to me that there's a very strong possibility that the people in the municipalities are receiving more of that tax revenue, or getting better service, than the people in rural St. Landry Parish."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, I would like to remind Mr. Lejeune that the tax was originally brought up a few years ago that it was an unfair tax because we in the unincorporated areas were not receiving the same service for the same tax. I understand your concern. I think it would be better if the Council itself, if you would make a motion to forward to the full Council, seeking the full Council's support in a resolution that the Solid Waste Commission offer the unincorporated areas of the Parish twice-a-week pick-up service. Also, I don't know how much you remember of those discussions, but the reasoning that they gave why the municipalities were getting twice-a-week garbage [pick-up,] and we were only getting the once-a-week, that was a deal they made to get the tax passed, like so many taxes around here. There's always backdoor deals being made to get something that they want. With that said, they were giving the Parish Government upwards of around a million (\$1,000,000.<sup>00</sup>) dollars a year at times depending on the excess revenue they collected on that tax and from the out-of-parish garbage they were getting from Evangeline Parish. That has since dwindled and that money was being used to help offset the cost of maintaining some of the roads we had before the Smooth Ride Home tax got put in place. I don't know where is the last financial statement that says what the Solid Waste Commission has given the Parish Government lately, or even if we're still getting that money. So, that would be a question to ask as well. Is the Solid Waste still trying to compensate for the once-a-week garbage by giving the Parish Government the excess money?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "I think I can answer that question for you. I was told, by some of the members, that the only reason we got money was because they had a contract with Evangeline Parish and I think since then it has expired. We only got money if there was available funds. That was from that pick-up. Since that time, I think it's expired, so that's why we're not going to get any funding, period, from Solid Waste anymore."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "When's the last time we received funding from Solid Waste at all?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "The last time was about a year ago. It was, probably, the least we'd ever received since we've been receiving it."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "Do you have an estimated dollar amount?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I think it was a little less than three hundred thousand (\$300,000.<sup>00</sup>) and this year nothing so far."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "How was the three hundred thousand (\$300,000.<sup>00</sup>) dollars used?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It is used on road and bridge. Road funds, road maintenance."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "For road maintenance? But, if you look at last year's budget, only around four hundred thousand (\$400,000.<sup>00</sup>) dollars actually went to road materials in the road and bridge fund. Out of the one point something million dollars from the Racino and the special road taxing districts and the three hundred thousand (\$300,000.<sup>00</sup>) from Solid Waste."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "I would like to ask to forward this to the full Council to request them to provide us with two (2) pick-ups in the rural St. Landry Parish area or the unincorporated areas. Either that, or two (2) blue containers per residence to make sure we have adequate amount of containers for our trash and to make sure that if any containers are damaged like they said they are warranted for ten (10) years."

Councilman Jerry Red, "I'll second that. We also want to send out a resolution to Solid Waste? Or will we do that after this one?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "Yes."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "I was there for every meeting they had prior to establishment of Solid Waste. It became obvious in the first meeting that there was a set up deal. The majority of the people there were from municipalities. Wasn't that many rural people there. The first thing out of the bag they came up with 'We're not going to let the Police Jury handle this, we're going to get a State Statute in place.' Which they did. How did they decide the appointment of the commissioners? They lumped small towns together and appointed one (1) for three (3) and four (4) small towns. Opelousas got multiple appointees and Eunice got multiple appointees. Those people have been running this organization for years. We have asked, way back when I started out in this thing, for financial statements from Solid Waste. I'm not sure, but I have not seen one (1) in twenty four (24) years. I've heard about them having in excess of fourteen million (\$14,000,000.<sup>00</sup>) dollars in the bank. It has been very fortunate that there was people appointed to the Solid Waste Commission that wanted to deprive the public of the truth. I've been opposed to the Solid Waste Commission ever since it started. It's a wonderful thing because I had enough trash dumped in my district to sicken you. Now, they're a little bit better, they cleaned up. Unfortunately, we cleaned up most of it. Solid Waste didn't clean it up. That had been an ongoing situation and there has been partiality against the people that didn't have representation there. The person that's appointed from my area, that's in the municipalities called me and wanted to go see why they weren't picking up somebody's trash. About six (6) miles down the road he said 'Well, we're out of St. Landry Parish.' I said, 'I don't know who told you that. You still got another six (6) miles to go.' And that has been the attitude. The farther away from the home base you get with them the less it's in St. Landry Parish. It doesn't matter where the line's at just so long as they are satisfied. The reason that, my personal opinion, the previous gentleman left is because he finally began to realize the hanky-panky. Why did we go to another Parish to hire a manager? There's nobody in St. Landry Parish that was allowed to work? We went to Acadia Parish, that was wanting to haul their garbage over here, and we hired the manager. Now, they're talking about, we've set up and spent a lot of money to build a natural gas plant out there. Which is a fine thing. But he came and stood before that pedestal, the other night, and he said 'We're going to pump all this gas into these garbage trucks.' I think that was very clear. I don't think there was any question. But he never said how much he was going to get from the truck and could he take some of that money and pay this Parish. Why are we not getting any money out of the garbage? Acadia Parish is paying a large portion of their road program with money out of garbage. We had people bringing garbage in here from Lafayette Parish that was paying. But, we didn't get any of that money either. It seems like the general consensus is that St. Landry Parish don't need any money, it's not going to

get any money, and don't dare ask the people that's controlling the pocket book for any. Now, I agree with you Mr. Lejeune, we need to do something about it. But I think we need to look at it a little bit closer as to why these people have a problem? These people are running a garbage system on their own. Whoever they may be. They're on their own. They make the decisions. They don't call us and ask us. They have never asked us for anything. They haven't hurt themselves in giving us any money either. That's where I'm at with it. I still don't have very much use for Solid Waste. We have a motion on the floor. Call roll Ms. Secretary."

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to forward to the full Council a request that a resolution be sent to St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Commission requesting they provide twice-a-week trash pick-up for rural (unincorporated areas) St. Landry Parish residents or that the Solid Waste Commission provide rural (unincorporated areas) St. Landry Parish residents with two (2) blue trash containers in order to provide adequate storage of garbage for once-a-week garbage pick-up.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

7. Appoint Samuel L. Griffin to Public Works Commission, District 6, to replace Joseph Todd Abshire:

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to forward to the full Council the appointment of Samuel L. Griffin to the District 6 Public Works Commission to replace Joseph Todd Abshire.

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

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8. Discuss Land Use and Zoning: (Councilman Wayne Ardoin)

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Chairman, if I may. We had a three (3) companies come to this Council and meet with the Land Use Planning Committee. It was made up by some Councilmembers here. It was Gerald Mills Architecture out of New Orleans, a M<sup>s</sup> Graw/Hill company, and the other one I don't have. I'm going to ask that this Committee pass a motion that we contact these people and ask them to come back to us and possibly give us some ideas of how we can come up with some kind of land use ordinances in this parish. We don't want what we had happen just two (2) or three (3) months ago with the incident on I-49."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Ardoin, did you ever receive an answer from these people?"

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "All I have is the minutes, Mr. Buschel, on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Mr. Hurlin Dupre was the Chairman. Lance Pitre was our attorney. There's something in here where Lance Pitre suggested forwarding to the full Council advertisement for two (2) interested persons to sit on Committee. I believe it stopped right there. I think we need to look at this situation and see if these people would be interested in coming back to a Public Works maybe, or form a committee, and we look at this situation."

A motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Red, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, that the Land Use and Zoning companies from New Orleans be contacted and invited to return to the Public Works Committee with suggestions on land use and zoning for St. Landry Parish, or that a committee be formed to look into this matter.

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

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9. Accept Bihm Subdivision into the Parish Road System: (Councilman Hurlin Dupre)

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "It's blacktopped and has been put up since '97, I believe. I would like to see it put into the system. The people on that road would like it too. It's all blacktopped."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "I think we need to look back and see when this subdivision was approved and when they blacktopped the road and gave a the parish a right-of-way. I don't know why it would not have been in the system."

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "Y'all were sent a copy of the subdivision in y'all's paperwork."

Councilman Jerry Red, "We have all the information on that?"

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "Yes. She's got it over here."

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "It's in your packets."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question as to why we do not have the request for approval by the planning commission?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I don't think we received a request."

Councilman Jerry Red, "I make a motion to forward this to the Planning Committee and they could bring us back the information whether it's acceptable to be taken into the Parish system."

A motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Red, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to forward to the Planning Committee to research and advise the Council as to whether Bihm Subdivision meets Parish requirements and can be taken into the Parish Road System.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

10. Discuss the Council going paperless: (Councilman Jerry Red)

Councilman Jerry Red, "Mr. Chairman, we brought this up last month. I believe the Administrative Finance Committee said they wanted to table it. I've, since then, talked to Shane Garrett, and he did say that the cost, at the bottom of that paper that you received, for five ninety five (\$595.<sup>00</sup>) a month or whatever that amount is, that wouldn't be the case. We would be hooked up to wifi. So, the main cost for this Council and the Parish would only be to purchase the tablets. Then, once the tablets are purchased, we would have an IT person to come and give us information on how to use it. The good thing about this is, you could research anything that happened in the meetings that you don't have to wait a month later. I think that we need to look at it and it doesn't have to be today or tomorrow. It would pay for itself over the course of a year. If you notice, with us having sometimes three (3) or four (4) meetings a month, once they mailed you out the documents that costs about seven (\$7.<sup>00</sup>) dollars a person to get the information to your house, it would pretty much pay for itself. Not only that, once they mail out your copies, if you notice, Council Clerks also print you another copy. So it is double costs, also, for them to print the paper. I think over the period of time, we'll save money rather continue to cost money."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Do you want to make motion to that effect?"

Councilman Jerry Red, "Not yet Mr. Buschel. I want us to look at it that when we start 2016, we'll be up and running paperless. We don't have to do it within the next couple of months, but we could plan for it so it will be in the budget, so at the end of this year we can go into 2016 starting off with tablets."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Who is the gentleman you said you spoke to about this?"

Councilman Jerry Red, "That's the computer guy, Shane, the contract person for the Parish."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Would you like to request him to come to the next Committee meetings?"

Councilman Jerry Red, "Yes, I make that motion."

Councilman Dexter Brown, "Mr. Red, you said seven (\$7.<sup>00</sup>) dollars a person to do mail outs?"

Councilman Jerry Red, "Sometimes it's more than that Mr. Brown. I know the last mail that came to my home was like seven seventy five (\$7<sup>75</sup>) and I know it can go up to as much as twelve (\$12.<sup>00</sup>) dollars. I think it would pay for itself."

Councilman Dexter Brown, "The thing about it is, as long as we have copies for the public, the agenda items. I have no problem with that."

A motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Red, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, to forward to the full Council to request that Shane Garrett attend the next Committee meetings and to advise the Council on the cost of purchasing tablets for the Council and the feasibility of going paperless.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

11. Authorize Council Clerks to advertise for five appointments to Fire District No. 7:

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "I would like to see a motion that we reappoint the five (5) appointments that's there."

Councilman Dexter Brown, "Mr. Chairman, we just had a situation with appointing members to different boards. My take on it, I know that Fire District 7 people, why don't we just advertise for it?"

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "First of all Mr. Brown, there ain't anybody up there. If we take out the five (5) people that's on the board now we're going to have problems finding five (5) more to get on there. Because there ain't none. That is in an area that has got very little people in it. They have collected them up and we've got the original ones appointed. That's one of the problems that we've got when you get into a rural area and that's about as rural as you can get. There's not a whole lot of people. Whoever was going out and soliciting names had to work hard getting that group. We've been fortunate enough for them to show up for the meetings. We can go ahead and advertise if you want to. I don't know what the Daily World's going to do about it, because they don't deliver in that area. So, you just wasting money putting it in the Daily World."

A motion was offered by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, to forward to the full Council to authorize Council Clerks to advertise for five (5) appointments to the Fire District 7 board.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

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

A.) Councilman Jerry Red, "Mr. Chairman, I have a few. Last month, at the full Council meeting, we had something dealing with that moving precincts. I believe, Ms. Laycie our Council Clerk, said that the Secretary of State, I believe, said that we could no longer do it by resolution, it would have to be done by an ordinance. At this time I would like to forward to the full Council and it be introduced. She did say, with all voting precincts, it requires an ordinance from now on, instead of a resolution."

A motion was offered by Councilman Jerry Red, seconded by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, to forward to the full Council an ordinance for the moving of Big Cane Baptist Church voting precinct to the District 6 fire station.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

B.) Councilman Jerry Red, "Number two (2). Mr. Fontenot, about two (2) months ago, we had asked to increase the speed on Frank Road and Acadiana Road. Mr. Buschel, you wanted to increase the speed?"

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "No, we wanted to decrease the speed."

Councilman Jerry Red, "What's the speed limit there?"

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Twenty (20) miles an hour."

Councilman Jerry Red, "We asked to increase the speed from twenty (20) to thirty (30) on Acadiana and Frank Roads."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We feel we should follow, at least I feel, we should follow the laws of setting speed limits. So, we do have a professional engineer that's going to evaluate that."

Councilman Jerry Red, "So they're still working on that evaluation?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes. Because, as we pave these roads, many of them need to have a speed limit that's, twenty (20) is not reasonable, so we need to raise it some."

Councilman Jerry Red, "I have two (2) more Mr. Buschel. The hurricane update. We're in hurricane season now and I was wondering if you could get Ms. Lisa Vidrine to come to the Council to give us an update regarding what's going on with the hurricane plans for St. Landry Parish. I know she gave an update to some schools and I think this Council needs to know what's going on in the parish so we can advise our constituents. Also, with the Veteran's Memorial. I know they just had an event and we weren't informed of it. If they could send a letter to the Council so we can know when something's going on so we can attend that also."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I'll certainly let them know."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "In the case of a hurricane, District 5 signed, this week, with two (2) companies that will use our area for staging and disposal collection."

Councilman Ronald Buschel, "Will you have a shelter in your area also?"

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "No. We just had to sign to give permission to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) to have this. We've had it every time that they've had a hurricane, we've disposed of material there."

Councilman Jerry Red, "We need to make a motion for it to come before the full Council or will you just talk to them to come?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yeah, I'll just tell them."

Councilman Jerry Red, "I have one (1) more. Our Council Clerks. I think our Council Clerks can only do research on things pertaining to the minutes and nothing else. I believe that if our Council Clerks do anything else that has to be researched it should be researched by our legal counsel."

Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, "Where is this coming from?"

Councilman Jerry Red, "I'm just saying, if our Council Clerks are doing any research, if any Councilmember needs our Council Clerks to do any research, it should only pertain to minutes that happened in the meetings, and nothing else."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, may I address that? Mr. Red, those Council Clerks work for the Councilmembers. Typically, I think most Councilmembers will ask the attorney if it's regarding legal statutes, because I don't think our Council Clerks have the library, on the internet, that allows them to access certain statutes that are in the books with the state or federal laws. However, when you call a Council Clerk for, you might the Solid Waste number today; you might need a board member's name today; you might need something else; if you're going to attempt to stop the Councilmembers from fully utilizing the employment of the Parish Council Clerks, then you're also going to have to stop the public from asking them to also do certain research or to pull up certain things, unless it's only regarding the minutes. And, when those are available online you can just access those online. So, pretty much, if we go with what you want to do we don't need the Council Clerks. We'll just go online and pull up the minutes ourselves."

Councilman Jerry Red, "Don't take it out of context Ms. Gautreau. I said our Council Clerks should only do things pertaining to Council Clerk business. Nothing legal. Legal should be handled by our legal counsel. That's who should be doing that. Not our Council Clerks. Thank you."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "I have something to add. A couple of years ago, this organization was told by, I think, the auditors and whoever else that we were supposed to maintain a physical minutes book in the office. The one time that I was elected President here was the year that we got that notice and me and the Council Clerk sat down and audited the books and had them fixed up and they came. According to state statute, the public is supposed to have free access to the minute books from all organizations. Mr. Fontenot, do you know anything about that?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I've heard that discussed before."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Are we maintaining any minute books?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I don't think that my office is."

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "Yes, we are. We have minute books in our chambers."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "You have a physical book and each ordinance is put in?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "Yes Sir."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "You have it up to date?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "Yes Sir."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Have you gotten a new book since the first one was done?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "Yes."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "That solves that problem. Any other business properly brought before this committee?"

C.) Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, "I have something. Mr. Fontenot, whenever we call Public Works, what's the procedure when Councilmembers put in complaints? Are they prioritized at all or is our complaints just like anyone else's? Because, personally, I've gotten to the point where I just call you directly and you call Public Works and it's getting pretty frustrating."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "What we certainly should do, immediately, a review of your call in and give you some feedback."

Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, "I guess they feel that they don't have to answer to us so that's another reason why things are not handled in a timely manner. If the constituent took the time to call us then they expect it to get done a little quicker than if they had called Public Works themselves. That's why I was wondering what the procedure is over there?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I would say that, depending on what the issue is, it may take some time to remedy it or address it. Certainly, a response to the constituent on your behalf or back to you, we need to do that within twenty four (24) hours or so. I'll review that with their staff."

Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, "Whenever the Councilmembers call in a complaint, do they call back?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "That's my intent that that's done. I will follow up on that. We do want them to know that you're interested in their concern."

Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, "I know some that I called you about, you called them personally and told them and they know it's about to happen somewhere in the near future. That's the main thing, maybe not today or tomorrow but not a month or two (2) later."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I understand. Our response, after you call, should be to let the constituent know that you're concerned and that we're evaluating it and to continue to communicate with them until it's done. I'll follow up on that with the staff."

Councilman Jerry Red, "Mr. Fontenot, at the end of last term, this Council had passed an issue that it would put an asterisk beside the Public Works paper that was done. I haven't been seeing that. That asterisk should represent work that was called in by the Council. I don't know about you all, but I haven't been seeing it. If you call in a work order you should get some kind of call back saying the reason why it's not being done in a timely manner for whatever reason. But, I know we did pass that where there should be an asterisk on it to represent the Council calling it in."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I didn't realize that, but I will follow up on that too."

D.) Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Is there anything else to be brought before this committee at this time?"

Councilman Dexter Brown, "Mr. Fontenot, I had asked you to look into a situation on John Paul Drive right off of 104. There's a culvert down John Paul Drive, it's a residence; the culvert is too high. It flows east from the corner of Hwy 104 and John Paul Drive. The water flows east to a coulee. About two hundred (200) yards down John Paul Drive they have a driveway and a culvert that's kind of high. It needs to be dropped. The resident was told the culvert was too high because, what they did was, they have a concrete driveway until the culvert. They never finished the culvert another six (6) feet; so they just stopped the concrete. It's a Mr. Tinkersley, I'm going to give you his phone number."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Since your last meeting, we have that on our list to be evaluated. I think there is some exploratory work that's being done with regard to elevations and what can we do to modify it. But, I'll be glad to follow up with him if you give me his number."

E.) Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Is there anything else to be brought before the committee?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, I have two (2) items for your Committee, please. A Ms. Katherine Singleton, on Robert Dailey Road, has been contacting Code Enforcement for several months and has been met with nothing regarding the high grass and the animals that are coming out of a lot in the back of her house. This is not the first time. This has been an ongoing situation for this lady and the surrounding neighbors on Robert Daily. I assured her that I would bring it up within the Public Works Committee and have that as a matter of record that her Councilmember has put in that request to Public Works and that Code Enforcement address this issue so that this lady does not have to continuously call every six (6) months with the same complaint."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Can you give me her name again? Please."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Katherine. I'm sure if you check with Code Enforcement you'll find all of her complaints on file with all of her contact information. Mr. Buschel, the other one is, I'm going to ask that your Committee make a request for any copies of an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Sunset for any type of work for Choctaw. The Mayor contacted me yesterday and was asking, I know back in my first term, there was an agreement but I don't think these agreements are in perpetuity. I think they're only good for a set amount of time, but they are asking for some help with gravel and grading, etc., at 182 and Choctaw, which is the portion that belongs to the Town of Sunset. If we can find a copy of the original intergovernmental agreement and if there's been any extensions of that agreement regarding Choctaw Road, to have it forwarded to the full Council so that the full Council can take under advisement whether or not it wishes to proceed with another one or to continue with the agreement as it is written."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Don't we have something, Ms. Secretary, for Sunset, already, on some kind of intergovernmental agreement?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "That was for Woody Lane, Mr. Chairman, this is regarding Choctaw Road."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "We'll give them a motion to that effect?"

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, for Council Clerks to research any intergovernmental agreements with the Town of Sunset. If an agreement is found and is still valid and in force, it shall be forwarded to the full Council for discussion as to whether the Council wishes provide the Town of Sunset assistance with maintenance of Choctaw Road.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

F.) Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Is there anything else to be brought before this committee?"

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "Mr. Chairman, I have three (3) items. Item number 1, intergovernmental agreement, I think there's one (1) on record. I don't know if the work is being done anymore. There was one (1) before with Linwood South Sewer District. There's an oxidation pond on the end of Grant Road and Public Works would go and cut the levee for them. It was done all through the years, but it hasn't been done this year at all. Mr. Sonny Ray, who is the Chairman of that Sewer District,

called and asked what could be done. I'm asking for a motion that Public Works be notified if there's an intergovernmental agreement in place, of if we need a new one, proceed with getting a new one to get the work done over there."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Fontenot, have you been alerted to anything in reference to this?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "No, but I'll be glad to look it up."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "I'm going to ask for a motion, Mr. Chairman, so that they'll know that we are doing what we need to do as Councilmembers."

A motion was offered by Councilman Timmy Lejeune, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red that the Council Clerks research any intergovernmental agreements regarding Linwood South Sewer District and notify Public Works of such agreement to have work performed by Public Works on behalf of the sewer district. Should an agreement not be found, that an intergovernmental agreement be entered into for the purposes of having the Public Works Department assist the Linwood South Sewer District with work needed.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "Next item, a Mr. Nick De Matteis, at 133 Cherokee Circle, Sunset. He called Ms. Laycie, he called me, I think he called Ms. Pam, and I think he called the front office. This is in reference to the support of the Teche Project Recreational Trails grant. I know, back in April of 2014, we passed a resolution and ended up passing an ordinance with this matter. We are waiting for some funds, I guess, right Mr. Fontenot?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I'm not aware."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "We have a resolution where 'funds will be used to construct a joint used trail head located in the Arnaudville area and Bayou Teche. This trail head will be used by cyclists, paddlists, walkers,' do you remember that?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Yes I do. We're awaiting approval."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "He's concerned about this, because there's no signage in that area. I thought I saw some signs right outside of Arnaudville, coming toward Grand Coteau, in reference to yielding to the bicycles. I know there's some on I-49 Service Road, I saw Mr. Lastrapes putting them up the other day. I explained that to that gentleman, but he's concerned that there's nothing being done. Would you please contact this man?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I'll give him a call."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "Next item I have is, we were told at one (1) of the meetings, Bear Road, when Ms. Julie David came, that's in your area Mr. Hurlin Dupre. Did y'all get any records of what is the deal on Bear Road? She called me and said there is nothing being done."

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "Mr. Bill and I were looking into it. It's a private road. It was not turned in. I tried to put this in. I can't do something by myself. We're thirteen (13) up here. If I can't get seven (7) to help me, I don't have a chance."

Councilman Wayne Ardoin, "Do you have any paper work, Mr. Fontenot? You said you were going to report back."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We haven't given up on trying to figure out what happened there. We are doing some research. We haven't seen where it was ever adopted into the system. We're still looking for a place where it might be adopted into the system as the lady was alleging, or alleging that it should have been adopted into the system. So far, we haven't given up on looking for evidence and we'll keep trying to look for some history on that process. As far as I can see, it's always been a private road and no action was taken to make it a public road. Like Mr. Hurlin said, we're just trying to find some hint of where the ball was dropped, or if it was dropped."

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "I found that out; how it was dropped. The man that, Miller, that put it together didn't finish it. Him and Ralph were working on it and he happened to die and it died. Ralph let it go. So, that killed it right there. That's how that got done."

G.) Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Anyone else have anything."

Councilman Alvin Stelly, "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Fontenot, on Levee Road in Bayou Portage. That bridge is closed between St. Landry and St. Martin. They tell me that St. Martin doesn't have the money to fund their end of the deal. What's going to happen with that?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We'll try to put it in a bridge replacement, federal bridge replacement program. It is a bridge that's closed and they do have access around. It's just one of those things that it's very expensive to replace so we're looking for a placing it in the federal bridge replacement program."

H.) Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Mr. Dupre,"

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "Mr. Bill, what's happening on that Two O'clock Bayou bridge?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "Well, it's the same thing. It's being evaluated as to what it would cost to repair it. If that's not feasible, also, it will be a candidate for federal bridge replacement funding. There, again, they do have a way around. I know it's a lot more convenient to use that bridge."

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, "Thank you Sir."

Chairman Ronald Buschel, "Anything else? Anything?"

13. 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, Fekisha Miller Matthews, Dexter Brown, Timmy Lejeune. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Gary Courville. ABSTAIN: None.

WHEREUPON, this motion was passed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

This meeting was adjourned.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.**

**MONA COURVILLE, CLERK FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL.**

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL  
ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin asked for roll call:

PRESENT: Huet Dupre, Hurlin Dupre, Alvin Stelly, Pam Gautreau, Jimmie Edwards:

ABSENT: None.

2. Persons to address the Committee:

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Persons to address the Committee. I have a Mr. Cory Levier. Would you please come up Sir?"

Cory Levier, "Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen of the St. Landry Parish Government. My name is Cory Levier, I'm a resident of St. Landry Parish. I live at 1637 Charlie Street, off of Charles Burr. I'm here today to gather support for a talent show that I'm giving for the youth of St. Landry Parish. I did it last year. The City of Opelousas was nice enough to allow me to use the Civic Center. I'm here to ask you to help me find a building. I heard, and I don't know, that the Delta Grand is available to youth and the Yambilee building is available to youth. I would like to use one (1) of those buildings on November 21<sup>st</sup> [2015] to conduct a talent show. If you look, I gave brochures to everyone. Together We Are is a non-profit organization built to impact the lives of the community teaching self-empowerment and self-awareness. I use my military experience. I served my country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn. I recently got out of the Army and I'm now here to help our community. I mentor the Boys and Girls Clubs. That's where we're starting at and we want to have a talent show. The problem is, we're a grass roots organization and we rely on sponsorship, fund-raising dollars, and donations. So, it's hard for us to secure things that takes money to do. I'm asking you to find, inside your heart, the will to help me help these kids. All I need from you is a building. You give me permission to do that, I will go forward, advertise, and I will not let you down. We already have mentored people in several different cities in St. Landry Parish and we will continue to do so. We're going to continue to grow. I also would like to implore that you allow me to use a building for community awareness and the personal safety of the community. As you can see, in the brochure, we offer mentoring, we do an annual talent show, community awareness and empowerment meetings. We have the youth program we plan to implement next summer. We do motivational speaking by request. If any of these things are something that you can use, or someone in the community can use, feel free to contact us. We also do public safety, education, and awareness, which is where I come in. I am also an NRA (National Rifle Association) instructor. You're familiar with NRA. I'm an instructor in pistols, muzzle loading pistol, rifle, muzzle loading rifle, shot gun, muzzle loading shot gun. But, the one I'm here to talk about today, is the Refuse to be a Victim Seminar. I would like to conduct several of these seminars in St. Landry Parish to help the community find and develop personal strategies to increase their safety. A lot of people in this community, since I've been back home, do not feel safe. For whatever reason. I plan to rectify that. With your help and with the location of a building, a place to meet, I will attend to that problem. People will leave my meeting and leave my seminars with the power they're supposed to have to operate safely in their own communities. I think it is a sin and a shame that people cannot be safe in their communities. Most of the time it's their fault. I plan to teach them how to be safe. Not for them to rely on you to be safe. Safety is a personal thing. Thank you for your time. Any questions?"

Councilman Dexter Brown, "Yes Sir, Mr. Levier, I'm a member with the Opelousas Police Department, a reserve police officer. With that public safety, education, and awareness, I don't know how big the group is going to be. At our headquarters, in Opelousas, we have across the hall from dispatch, there is a meeting room. I know our Chief, Donald Thompson, would not hesitate."

Cory Levier, "Mr. Donald Thompson, personally told me, that he would support anything I do. I also have the support of Mr. Paul Mouton. Mr. Mouton said anything I do he would support me. So, I do have several members of the community leadership on board. I still need a building. Anything you can do to help me out. My contact information is on the front of the brochure. I am President of Together We Are. Are there any more questions?"

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "I have one for you. You are looking for a facility for a talent show?"

Cory Levier, "A talent show in November. November 21<sup>st</sup> [2015] to be exact."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "Mr. Fontenot, is there any possibility if the Delta Grand isn't booked?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "We'll have to look at that real hard. Not that I'm not fully supportive of what you're doing. But, we have a lot of non-profits that

do request use of the building. We do have some minimal costs that we gotta cover and I think to be fair to all; we'll talk about it and see what kind of program. Most of the time there is a cost to use the building."

Cory Levier, "I understand. Ladies and Gentlemen of the board. What I would like to say is that, my input into this program, I volunteer. Many people that work with me volunteer. I would like the board to follow my example and volunteer the building. We cannot and will not help these kids without someone that has a heart like mine. I'm asking you to follow my example, follow my lead, and allow me to do this. If you can. I understand that there are rules and regulations, I was in the Army. Trust me, I understand rules and regulations. Mr. Fontenot, I get you. What I'm saying is that, in St. Landry Parish, we must begin to do things different. This could be a step in the right direction if you work with me. I appreciate your time. Thank you."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Just a minute Mr. Levier. Any other questions from any other Councilmembers?"

Cory Levier, "Ask now, I'm an open book."

Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, "For the talent show, that's just a one (1) time deal that you'd need the Delta Grand?"

Cory Levier, "Once a year."

Councilwoman Fekisha Miller Matthews, "Mr. Fontenot."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I understand. We get dozens of those requests. We'll talk about it."

Cory Levier, "Absolutely Mr. Fontenot. Mr. Fontenot did give me his card and I will be contacting him. Hopefully we can work something out and I know that any support that is given to me, through you, will definitely be in good hands."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Thank you Sir. Any other questions?"

3. Parish President's report:

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I don't have anything additional to report, Sir."

4. Appoint an official journal for St. Landry Parish Government. Official journal is set to expire June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015:

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, I know we have pricing from the Eunice News. Do we also have the pricing from the Daily World as well?"

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "I have the Eunice News, which is dated May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 'Dear members of the Council. In regard to your annual discussion and action for an official journal, the Eunice News offers the following: For the twelve (12) month period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Eunice News offers to publish all the parish minutes, public notices, ordinances, etc., at a rate of five (\$5.00) dollars per square, which equals four (\$4.00) dollars per column inch. The rate we are offering is one (\$1.00) dollar per square lower than the maximum we are allow to charge, by law, and more than fifty (50%) percent below our commercial opening advertising rates which would save the parish money that could be used to fund other projects. This rate does not extend to fee paid advertising which is a notice placed by a government entity but billed to a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) party. Fee paid advertising rates are set by separate fee paid advertising legislation. The Eunice News is privately owned by a local Louisiana company and has been serving St. Landry Parish continuously for over a hundred (113) years. We would appreciate the Council's consideration in choosing the Eunice News as the official journal for the St. Landry Parish Council. Thank you, Mr. Darrell J. Guillory.' The Daily World's; it goes on to say, 'Public advertising rates, parish notices, forty (40¢) cents per line, which is four (\$4.80) dollars and eighty cents per column inch. State notices are thirty three (33¢) cents per line at three (\$3.96) dollars and ninety six cents per column inch. Examples under this rate structure: property tax; delinquent notices; school board notices; Town of Sunset; City of Opelousas; Fire Department; Louisiana Work Force; etc. All other notices one (\$1.00) dollar per line, twelve (\$12.00) dollars per column inch. Examples under this rate structure: Sheriff sales; Attorneys; and public storage. Other charges, fifteen (\$15.00) dollars for the first Affidavit of Publication and ten (\$10.00) dollars for each additional copy for the same notice number. Contact information, Ads may be emailed to our Legal Advertising Coordinator, Pam Pugh. Thank you for taking the time to review our proposal and, once again, we look forward to serving our community as the Journal of Record. Sincerely, Angie Normand, Regional Classified Advertising Manager.' What are the wishes of this committee? We are looking at time, because June 30<sup>th</sup> [2015] is when it expires."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Mr. Chairman, I would ask that both be forwarded to the full Council, with the caveat that the Eunice News is cheaper. However, I have concerns with both of those newspapers, because if you're going to go online to look at it, you either have to subscribe to the paper, because neither one of these papers is parish-wide. Which is what we're supposed to offering to the people and what we're paying for. Is there any way that these newspapers can, at least, allow the general public to access the classifieds and the legal notices at no charge online. You can't even go on your Facebook pages and read the articles that you're posting without subscribing to the newspapers."

Representative from the Daily World, "Actually, if you click on the article created for our website. For example, June 1<sup>st</sup>, everybody can click on ten (10) free articles. After that it will ask you for a subscription. You do have access to some articles. As far as our classifieds that's something that, I believe, I think that's something that you access our classifieds in there. Also, I will say that if you have a digital subscription you are able to see our classifieds in the print edition on our e-newspaper, if you click the e-newspaper. But, on top of the digital subscription you can see our classifieds through that."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "Just as a reminder, the Quik Quarter is not the official journal that we appoint."

Representative from the Daily World, "I know, but that's part of our company."

Harlan Kirgan with the Eunice News, "I believe free access can be arranged for legals."

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "I think that would be a huge benefit. Because, the people in Eunice that do not get the Daily World, or anybody else in the parish, that doesn't get the Daily World, or the Eunice News, vice versa. We don't get your paper either in our section of the parish. So, no matter who is the legal journal, half (½) the parish is losing out. If we could get some type of confirmation from both newspapers that they would offer this free service for the legal notifications to the parish on a parish-wide level."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "What is your motion Ms. Gautreau?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "It's just to forward both newspapers to the full Council to let the full Council vote on who they would like to choose."

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, to forward to the full Council for consideration, both the Eunice News and the Daily World, as the official journal for the St. Landry Parish Council.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

5. Adopt an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the code of St. Landry Parish.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Ms. Laycie, who asked for that?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "Municode that did the recertification. They just need the ordinance adopting it."

A motion was offered by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Huet Dupre, to forward to the full Council an ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for St. Landry Parish Code of Ordinances.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

6. Request Parish Administration provide the financial reports on the Smooth Ride Home Road Tax. Reports should include the amount taken in and also the amount spent up to the present time. (Councilwoman Pam Gautreau)

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "I did ask for this, because, in the same vein as the gentleman who was here earlier, Mr. Akers. I think we need a full accounting as to how much money has been taken in up to this point? How many roads have been done? What were the original bids intended for those roads? And, what is the final amount on the completion of those roads? I do understand that not all of the roads have been done and completed, or even started on some of the first phases of work. I am asking for a full accounting up to this point."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Are you offering that as a motion Ms. Gautreau?"

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, "I will offer that as a motion."

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly, that Parish Administration provide, at the next full Council meeting, the financial reports, to date, of all funding taken into and expended from the Smooth Ride Home Tax fund on road work. This report shall also include the number of roads done; the original bids intended for those roads; and, the final total on the completion of those roads.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

7. Decide on terms for appointed members to the Economic Joint Commission (ECJC), Frank Helton and Mary Amy Taylor. Vote on which appointee will serve a four year term and which appointee will serve a six year term.

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Madam Clerk, do you have what was told to us or how they're going to run these things, or did they have some term limits? Do we have anything? Which Councilmember asked that this be put on?"

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, "Ms. Cheryl Castille."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "The Administration asked to be put on."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "Is there anything, remember the first thing that Mr. Rodier brought here was. Was there anything in that first phase as to how long they can serve on there? Or do we need to put something in place?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It's in the ordinance that you passed that so many would serve a two (2) year term, so many serve a four (4) year term, and so many serve a six (6) year term. So, when you appointed your two (2) you didn't designate which one (1) was a four (4) and which one (1) was a six (6)."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "But, they didn't have anything in what they gave us from Mr. Lejeune. They didn't give us anything from that Joint Commission. Did they? Mr. Fontenot, do you know? Did they give us any term limits? Did they give us any set amount of time that these people could serve?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "I don't remember. That part was not handled, but it needs to be handled."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "My question is, how are we going to handle it?"

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "All you have to do, for your appointment to have been complete, you needed to stipulate which one (1) would server four (4) and which one (1) would serve six (6). That's all."

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, "We don't have any minutes on that?"

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "No Sir."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "It's a simple solution, basically. When you appointed and you had the appointment information, that information was probably not in there, that's probably why you didn't appoint one (1) for four (4) and the other one (1) for six (6)."

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, "That also deals with the other five (5) that were not appointed."

Parish President Bill Fontenot, "The other five (5); three (3) were appointed by the Mayor, he appointed a two (2), a four (4), and a six (6); I appoint two, a two (2) year and a six (6) year. But, when you made your appointment that part was left out of the action. We would just like to amend that action, next full Council



meeting.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Do I have a motion. Offering a motion that we determine which one (1) is going to serve the four (4) and who’s going to serve the six (6).”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “Mr. Chairman, I think it would be in the two (2) appointees’ best interest to also ask if one (1) would like to have the four (4) year versus the six (6) year, rather than leave it up to the Council to determine.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Do you want them to put something in writing before the next full Council.”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “It would be nice to have our Council Clerks contact the appointees.”

A motion was offered by Councilman Hurlin Dupre, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, to have the Council Clerks contact the appointees for the Economic Joint Commission (ECJC) and have them forward letters stating their preferences as to whether they would like to serve a four (4) or six (6) year term and forward to the full Council the amendment of the Council’s appointments to reflect which appointee will serve the four (4) year term and which will serve the six (6) year term.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

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

A) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Item number 8, discuss any other business properly brought before this committee.”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “Mr. Chairman, if you have a copy of the Home Rule Charter, page 3, Section 2-04, under the heading Compensation. ‘The Council shall adopt an ordinance providing a system for reimbursing Councilmembers their documented and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. Reimbursement shall not exceed that provided by state law for Police Jurors.’ I have asked the Council Clerk to find any ordinance that would have been adopted since the time of the Home Rule Charter taking effect back in 2004. Thus far, Ms. Laycie has not been able to find an ordinance that was adopted to provide for reimbursement to the Council. So, I think it’s time that we follow our own Charter and put an ordinance together and have that introduced at the next full Council meeting in which it states that the Council, any Councilmember, seeking reimbursement for any of their expenses must come before the Finance Committee and then forward it, for approval, to the full Council before it is paid by the Parish Government.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Are you offering that as a motion Ms. Gautreau?”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “I am.”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, “Ms. Pam, let me ask you something. If a Councilmember goes to a convention and the Committee so chooses not to pay the bill, then what happens?”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “I think those are documented and reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of your official duty. Do you think? So, I don’t think that would be an issue. I think it’s about following the protocol and having everybody aware of how we’re going to reimburse ourselves. Thus far, we have no idea which Councilmembers are being reimbursed for what, because we haven’t sanctioned any travel, we’ve had trips and trips and trips, and no one on this Council, except for the few select Councilmembers that are invited to take those trips, are being reimbursed. That’s my tax dollars and I would like a full accounting for it.”

Councilman Jerry Red, “Mr. Chairman, so I guess you’re also going to put it down for Councilmembers that go to conventions and don’t even go to conventions?”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “If you’re asking for reimbursement?”

Councilman Jerry Red, “Pam, the point that I’m making is, many Councilmembers don’t chose to go. They don’t go to Legislative Day. They don’t go to things that are open to you to go. For whatever reason you don’t go and the rest of the Councilmembers that do choose to go, I don’t think they have to go before an Administrative Finance Committee to get reimbursed for mileage. I think it should go before the full Council or before the Chairman, but I don’t think it has to go before a certain selected committee to look over something and to decide if a person gets reimbursed or not.”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “I don’t have a problem having it brought before the full Council. It doesn’t have to be going before a committee. Bring it to the full Council.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly, “Mr. Chairman, I want to ask a question. I’ve heard before, that they’ve had two (2) or three (3) Councilmembers that went together, and the three (3) of them asked for mileage. Is that right?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, “I don’t think that’s right if they go in one car.”

Councilman Alvin Stelly, “They can go together, but one (1) should ask for mileage not the three (3) of them. I think that’s been brought up before too.”

Councilman Jerry Red, “Do you know that for a fact Mr. Alvin?”

Councilman Alvin Stelly, “Yes.”

Councilman Ronald Buschel, “One of the problems we’ve had in the past, is everybody is going to every meeting that comes up, until it’s time to go. This body has paid entry fees for a large portion of these people that never go to a meeting. That has been on the books. We passed an ordinance, years ago, that in the event that you don’t go to the meeting that this Council pays for, you’re to refund the money to the Council. Never happened. That’s the way it was passed as an ordinance. It’s supposed to be on the books.”

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, “Mr. Buschel, in the same vein, there have been meetings and special trips that have been taken by certain Councilmembers that did not include the rest of the Council. Nor did the rest of the Council have an opportunity to participate. That is not the point, the point is that the Charter states, before you can be reimbursed there should be an ordinance adopted. There has been no such ordinance. I’m simply asking the Council to put one in place so that we are accountable, ourselves as a legislative body, to the taxpayers.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “There’s a motion on the floor and a second. Roll call vote.”

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Alvin Stelly, that an ordinance be introduced, at the next full Council meeting regarding the reimbursement of expenses to Parish Councilmembers. This ordinance shall provide that any Councilmember seeking reimbursement for documented and reasonable expenses shall submit documentation of said expenses to the Administrative Finance Committee, which shall review and forward said expenses to the full Council for final approval before said expenses are submitted to the Parish Government for reimbursement.

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

WHEREUPON, this motion was forwarded on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2015.

B) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Any other business to be brought before this committee?”

Councilman Leon Robinson, “Earlier we approved the purchase of three (3) uniform shirts for the Council Clerks. At the time, Ms. Laycie was given the allocation for the shirts and she gave them back to the Jury. Now, I’m asking that she be allowed to purchase, both Clerks, three (3) uniform shirts. Will the Council agree to purchase the shirts? I’m asking that Mr. Bill give them approval for the shirts.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Mr. Fontenot?”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “I’m not aware that that’s on record.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “What’s on record? The purchase of the shirts?”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “Right.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “We passed that some months back. A purchase of uniforms for these ladies. I think we limited it to three (3).”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “If Laycie shows me that that will be fine.”

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, “I sent it to the government office, the excerpt of the meeting.”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “I’ll check on that.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “You’re going to take care of that?”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “Yes Sir, I’m going to look into it.”

C) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Any other business to be brought?”

Councilman Hurlin Dupre, “I have an announcement I’d like to make. I’ve been thinking about the re-election. I’m going to be seventy seven (77) years old before I even get elected. I’ll be eighty one (81) by the time I’d get out of it. I’ve decided that I’m going to shut it down. I hope everybody’s satisfied with the work I did. I tried to do my best. I’m not running next election. This is what I wanted to tell y’all, I’m not running in the next election.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Thank you Mr. Hurlin.”

D) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Any other business to be brought before Finance?”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “We have a letter, Ms. Laycie, in our basket in reference to a formal complaint on St. Landry Parish Fire District 6 board members. Is that supposed to be brought before this Committee tonight?”

Council Clerk Laycie Alfred, “She said she was going attend the meeting.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “She’s not here to attend the meeting? It’s a complaint from a young lady in District 6, that would be you Mr. Timmy and Mr. Jimmie. Nichole St. Amand Dupre. Do you know anything about this Mr. Timmy or do you think we need to handle this?”

Councilman Timmy Lejeune, “I don’t know anything about this, but I will contact the board, as early as tomorrow, and request the board members to be present to discuss these issues and their concerns about this letter.”

E) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “I have couple of questions for our Parish President. Mr. Fontenot, Eunice News stated that this gentleman went to, he’s a map analyst, a Fentstermaker company. They went to the St. Landry Parish Economic Industrial Development District (SLED) board and presented a deal about their map at a cost of fifty two thousand (\$52,000.<sup>00</sup>) dollars for the parish. You advised that we would probably go into this, to have it printed, and we would pay for half (½) of it. Can you elaborate on that?”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “It’s a professional mapping system.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Now, what fund are we going to pay that out of? Is this gentleman going to come here and give us a presentation?”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “No, not necessarily.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “As a Councilmember, I think that if he’s going to come with a map, we need to know about this map.”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “You can know about, but I’ll approve that we’re going participate. Yes, it’s a GIS map.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “At a fee of twenty six (\$26,000.<sup>00</sup>) thousand.”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “It’s not going to actually be twenty six (\$26,000.<sup>00</sup>) thousand. It’s going to be, in the long term, it’s going to be so much a year for the next four (4) years.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Yes, because it says right here, fifty two thousand (\$52,000.<sup>00</sup>) dollars. You have volunteered that we’re going pay our part?”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “Yes, I’ve authorized that we’re going to do it.”

F) Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “The other matter I have is the paperwork that we requested. Mr. Fontenot, when are we going to get our paperwork that we asked, unanimously in the last full Council meeting?”

Parish President Bill Fontenot, “At the next Council meeting. I’m going to have everything I can get up there for you.”

Chairman Wayne Ardoin, “Thank you Sir.”

9. Adjournment.

A motion was offered by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Huet Dupre, that the St. Landry Parish Council's Administrative/Finance committee meeting be adjourned.

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 declared adopted on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 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**