

ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

The Council of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 20th day of August 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

With Chairman Hurlin Dupre presiding, the meeting was called to order.

The Chairman Hurlin Dupre requested the Council Clerk to call the roll and the following council members were PRESENT: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson and Hurlin Dupre, Chairman.

Councilman Jerry Red, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

#1- A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Albert Hollier, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Landry Parish Council dispenses with the reading of the minutes of July 16th 2008, and further that said minutes be approved as prepared.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschell, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

With Chairman Hurlin Dupre a request for condolences was made for the following: Evelyn Guilbeau, Curley Richard, Gene Labbe, Viola Lanclos, Allen Leger, Robert Domingue, James Ellis, Linda Guillory, Kirtley LeBlanc, Allen Bares, Antoine Lalonde, Bobby Anderson, Pearl Labbie, Christopher Babineaux.

PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

1. Jude Moreau, Director St. Landry Parish Communications District (911), to discuss an address change to Choctaw Drive. Councilwoman Pam Gautreau requests to table the discussion until the residents of Choctaw Drive can be notified and be present.

2. Vera Sims, 114 Lofton Street, Opelousas, LA, to discuss drainage concerns of Lofton Street. Ms. Sims first addressed the problem with the Council in June 2007. Mr. Marks was invited to inform the Council as to works completed regarding Lofton Street. Mr. Marks stated that Public Works had dug ditches on the west side of the road up to the state highway and changed culverts to 18 inches. The existing problems are (1) the house is lower than the road elevation, and (2) with the states portion of the road. Mr. Marks is to meet with Mr. Bill Fontenot, Regional Director of LA DOTD to discuss drainage issues regarding State Hwy 190.
3. Janet Malbrough, 4530 Hwy 182, Opelousas, LA, and Vincent Malbrough, Sr., 3088 Hwy 35, Opelousas, LA. The Malbroughs voiced a concern regarding a nuisance complaint under the Junk Car Ordinance. Mr. Malbrough informed the Council the cars are for his hobby and are on his private property. He offered to sell this property to the parish for the sum of \$192,000.00. Ms. Malbrough inquired as to whether said property is in the zone regulating the Junk Car Ordinance. Parish President Don Menard suggested that Mr. Malbrough purchase an occupational license and put a privacy fence along the front of said property.
4. Lloyd Mitchell, 300 McDonald Drive, Lafayette, LA, to request a trail ride permit for Barn Yard Posse Trail Ride (Offshore Lounge). This issue was resolved as per Motion #3.
5. Vincent Malbrough, Jr., 235 Twisted Oaks Drive, Opelousas, LA, to report a drainage and erosion problem. Councilman Dexter Brown has made a request to Public Works Department to alleviate this situation.
6. Michael Levier, 800 Myrtle Street, Opelousas, LA, to voice his request to serve as a board member to the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.
7. Donna Pitre, Director St. Landry Parish Housing Authority, to voice her support of reappointment of Larris Soileau as a board member to the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.

#2-A motion was made by Councilman Jay Guidry, seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, that a resolution to amend the agenda to include a request for a trail ride permit by Mr. Lloyd Mitchell for Barn Yard Posse Trail Ride.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr. Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschell, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: Albert Hollier. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#3-A motion was made by Councilman Jay Guidry, seconded by Councilwoman Fakeisha Miller, that a resolution to accept the trail ride request by Mr. Lloyd Mitchell for Barn Yard Posse Trail Ride and grant a permit upon receipt of paid fees on August 21, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschell, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville,

Leon Robinson. NAYS: Albert Hollier, Dexter Brown. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#4-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Landry Parish Council authorizes the application of a grant to Community Development Grant for improvements to the handicap elevator and building security.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fekeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#5-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Albert Hollier, that a resolution to accept the Parish President's Report as read.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#6-A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Stout, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Landry Parish Council hereby suspend acceptance of subdivision applications for development until approval of the proposed subdivision ordinance.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#7-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Glenn Stout, that a resolution to accept Mr. Tim Mark's report regarding Public Works.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Bushcell, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#8-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Kenneth Vidrine, to amend the agenda to change item XI Ordinances For Introduction from roadhouses to adjudicated properties.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Leon Robinson.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#9-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Kenneth Vidrine, to amend the ordinance regarding the application fee required for adjudicated property. Remove the \$75.00 initial application fee. Also, change from Parish President to his designee. Set a public hearing on September 17, 2008 at 5:45p.m.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#10-A motion was made by Councilman Kenneth Vidrine, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, to accept Ordinance 2008-0010 as amended.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#11-A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red, Jr., seconded by Councilman Kenneth Vidrine, to accept Ordinance 2008-005.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#12-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, to accept Ordinance 2008-009.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: Glenn Stout, Jay Guidry. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#13-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, to adopt item #1 of Resolution XIII adopting the adjusted millage rate(s) for the year 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidreine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#14-A motion was made by Councilman Jimmie Edwards, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry, to accept item #2 of Resolution XIII.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisah Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#15-A motion was made by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel, to accept item #3 of Resolution XIII to reappoint present board members to the Coulee Crouche Gravity Drainage District No. 22.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#16-A submotion was made by Councilman Leon Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Fakeisha Miller, to appoint Mr. Michael Levier as a board member to the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr. Fakeisha Miller, Dexter Brown, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Jay Guidry and Hurlin Dupre, Chairman. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this sub motion did not pass.

#16-A main motion was made by Councilman Kenneth Vidrine, seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel, to accept item #4 of Resolution XIII to reappoint Mr. Larris Soileau to the St. Landry Parish Housing Authority.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. NAYS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Leon Robinson. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#17-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Kenneth Vidrine, to table item #5 of Resolution XIII.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Leon Robinson. NAYS: Fakeisha Miller, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution did not pass.

#17-A sub-motion was made by Councilman Albert Hollier, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry, to accept Kathy Moreau and Jodie Powell for reappointment as board members to the St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Fakeisha Miller, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: Jerry Red, Jr., Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this sub-motion was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#18-A motion was made by Councilwoman Fakeisha Miller, seconded by Councilman Jerry Red, Jr., to change item #5 listed on the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes to read \$20.00 instead of 10%.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Pam Gautreau.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#19-A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Stout, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry, to accept item #7 of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes dated August 4, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie

Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#20-A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Albert Hollier, to accept item #8 of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes dated August 4, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#21-A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Stout, seconded by Councilwoman Pam Gautreau, to accept item #9 of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes dated August 4, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#22-A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red, Jr., seconded by Councilman Ronald Buschel, to accept item #10 of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes dated August 4, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#22-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Glenn Stout, to accept items # s 11, 12 and 13 of the Public Works Committee Meeting minutes dated August 4, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#23-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Glenn Stout, to move the Public Works Committee Meeting to Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisah Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#24-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, to accept item #4 of the Administrative/Finance Committee Meeting minutes dated August 4, 2008.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#25-A motion was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, to have Ms. Cindy Courville act as the interim Council Clerk if needed. To schedule an Executive Session on Thursday, August 28, 2008 to discuss personnel matters and the hiring of a new council clerk.

On roll call vote: YEAS: Jerry Red, Jr., Fakeisha Miller, Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Glenn Stout, Dexter Brown, Jay Guidry, Jimmie Edwards, Gary Courville, Leon Robinson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

#26-A motion was made by Councilman Jay Guidry, seconded by all councilpersons to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Body adjourns with the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Landry Parish Council Meeting Room 132, St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas, Louisiana.

WHEREUPON, this resolution was declared adopted on this 20th day of August 2008.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

CYNTHIA L. COURVILLE, COUNCIL CLERK