

AGENDA
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009—6:00
P.M.
ST. LANDRY PARISH COURTHOUSE, 118 S. COURT ST.
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM # 132
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

by Councilman and Chaplin Jerry Red, Jr.

IV. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Selection of Officers in positions of Chair and Vice Chair

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of December 17, 2008.

VI. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

1. Michael Thibodeaux, Lobbyist for St. Landry Parish.
2. Brian Begana of Louisiana Land & Trust, to discuss a cooperative agreement between the parish and state regarding abandoned properties.
3. Lee Darbonne, Justice of the Peace, to discuss the Litter Abatement Ordinance.

VII. CONDOLENCES

VIII. PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IX. ORDINANCES TO BE PUBLISHED:

2009 Budget
Thibodeaux Road

X. ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED:

Meeting dates for 2009
Adjudicated Property

XI. LITIGATION REPORT

Enter Executive Session to discuss possible lawsuit regarding sub-division.

XII. RESOLUTIONS:

1. Appointment / Reappointment of members to the following Boards/Commissions:

Summary No. 001-RS

A Resolution reappointing 7 members to the **St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission** for 3-year terms which expired in November of 2008. Applicants are Mary Rideau Doucet, Mavis A. Fruge, Charles Jagneaux, John J. Slaughter, Angel Jones Doomes, Suzanne LaHaye and Jane Ardoin.

Summary No. 002-RS

A Resolution appointing Paul LaPorte to serve on the **St. Landry Parish Economic and Industrial Development District (SLEID)** for a 3 year term to replace Melvin Darby and also reappointing Raymond Aguilard to serve again, as his term has expired.

Summary No. 003-RS

A Resolution to reappoint one Board Member to the **Red River, Atchafalaya River & Bayou Beouf Gravity Drainage District** due to term expiration.

Summary No. 004-RS

A Resolution reappointing James E. Kennison and Jerry Wayne Soileau to serve as **Fire District No. 2** Board members for a term of 2 years.

Summary No. 005-RS

A Resolution appointing one representative to serve in one expired Commissioner seat of **Fire District No. 3**. Applicants are Armand "Rocky" Declouette and J.Y. Fontenot.

Summary No. 006-RS

A Resolution reappointing Paul LaPorte and Moise Clay Lanclos, Jr. to **Fire District No. 5** for 2 year teams.

Summary No. 007-RS

A Resolution reappointing three Commissioners to **Fire District No. 6** for 2-year terms due to expirations.

Summary No. 008-RS

A Resolution reappointing three members to **Fire District No. 7** (2 year terms) due to expirations.

Summary No. 009-RS

A Resolution reappointing one member to the **St. Landry Agricultural Arena Authority** due to expiration.

Summary No. 010-RS

A Resolution reappointing Francis Xavier Henry to serve a four year term on the **St. Landry Waterworks District No. 2**.

Summary No. 011-RS

A Resolution appointing Bradley Grimmett to the position of Commissioner to serve on the **District Six Public Works Commission** to replace Wayne Slocum.

Summary No. 012-RS

A Resolution reappointing Fire Chief Nick Vidrine, Captain Scott Aymond and Mr. Bobby Degueyter to the **St. Landry Parish Communications District (911)**

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M.
ST. LANDRY PARISH COURTHOUSE, 118 S. COURT ST.
ST. LANDRY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM #132
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Ronald Buschel;

Chairman Buschel requested Council Clerk, Novella Richard, call roll;

PRESENT: Kenneth Vidrine, Ronald Buschel, Glenn Stout, Jay Guidry, Jimmy Edwards, Hurlin Dupre. Absent: Fekisha Miller.

Council Chaplin Jerry Red, Jr., led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation;

Chairman Ronald Buschel opened the meeting to anyone with business to be brought before the committee.

Jessie Bellard addressed the committee regarding an Adjudicated Property Ordinance. Mr. Bellard explained that there are necessary changes that must be made before any property can be sold. These changes will be introduced at the January 21, 2009, regular council meeting.

The Committee recommends a Public Hearing on the partial abandonment of Thibodeaux Road. This motion was made by Councilman Jay Guidry and seconded by Councilman Jimmie Edwards. Based on a unanimous decision, a public hearing will be scheduled on January 21, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Hurlin Dupre requested that Bayou Waxia Bridge be cleaned out.

Councilman Glenn Stout made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Jay Guidry.

Submitted by:
/s/ Ronald Buschel, Chairman

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2008

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Albert Hollier;

Chairman Hollier requested Council Clerk, Novella Richard, call roll;

PRESENT: Jerry Red, Jr., Albert Hollier, Pam Gautreau, Dexter Brown, Gary Courville, Hurlin Dupre, Ex Officio. Absent: Leon Robinson.

The floor was opened for questions regarding the 2009 Budget

Councilwoman Pam Gautreau questions utilization of Racino funds for road pavement. Council responded that those funds cannot be used for road repairs. No report could be given on what amount of Racino funds have gone to road maintenance. Councilman Jay Guidry explained that districts which did not pass property taxes do not have the resources to generate any money and millages would have to be set too high.

Tim Marks addressed the committee sharing information on a possible solution currently being researched to perform a job of reclaiming roadways to help repair roads with good bases. There are meetings planned with Public Works Directors of other parishes for further discussion on this process.

Councilman Jay Guidry questions the plan to dig ditches. He suggests hiring more people & purchasing more equipment to dig ditches to improve the drainage problem.

Councilman Glenn Stout questions the amount of taxes collected and the rising cost in the maintenance of the prison building. Nursing, kitchen crew, electricity expenses are all the responsibility of the Parish Government.

A motion was made by Councilman Jerry Red, Jr., seconded by Councilman Dexter Brown, that consideration of adoption of the 2009 Budget be forwarded to the full Council. A majority vote of all yeas moves the item of adoption of the 2009 Budget to the full Council.

A motion was made by Councilperson Pam Gautreau that the lobbyist of St. Landry Parish be invited to attend the next full council meeting to report lobbying activities before our state's legislative session and also report an after-session wrap-up report. There was a majority vote of all yeas to the request of having the lobbyist come before the full Council to report his lobbying activities.

Mr. Jessie Bellard requests Old City Market funds in the amount of \$140,000 in bonds to complete the sale for purchasing the Delta Grand Theater. \$15,000 has been put down on the purchase. It was previously discussed that \$400,000 of \$501,000 available funds would be used for this purchase. The plans for usage have changed and funds are needed in order to plan for renovations.

A motion was made by Councilman Gary Courville, seconded by Councilperson Pam Gautreau to bring the discussion of issuing bonds for the purchase of the Delta Grand Theater to the full Council. A majority vote of all yeas will move the discussion of issuing bonds for the purchase of the Delta Grand Theater to the full Council.

A motion was made by Councilman Dexter Brown, seconded by Councilman Gary Courville to move the discussion of approving the Pecaniere Riders, Inc., trail ride to the full Council for discussion. Councilman Albert Hollier accounted that the Pecaniere Riders, Inc., is a nonprofit organization which donates to local schools and those in need.

A motion to adjourn until the next scheduled meeting on February 2, 2009, was made by Councilman Ronald Buschel, seconded by Councilman Hurlin Dupre.

Submitted by:
/s/ Albert Hollier, Chairman

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting scheduled on February 18, 2009, in the Council Meeting Room, Suite 132, Courthouse Building, Opelousas, Louisiana.