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Opelousas Confederate monument will remain, at least for 30 days

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It will take at least 30 days before the St. Landry Parish Council decides what to do with a Confederate monument that has stood on the Opelousas Courthouse square for nearly 102 years.

Council members unanimously decided on Wednesday night during a meeting filled with details of parish Confederate history that too many questions remain unanswered on how to dispose of the 18-foot tall monument.

The delayed action on the monument issue came after council members discussed but failed to act on a resolution that authorized the removal, storage and possible sale of the statute which contains the names of several prominent parish officers who fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

St. Landry Parish President Jessie Bellard told the council that the proposed resolution had “no weight in law,” and that a considered sale of the monument by the parish government was “a bad idea.”

Bellard said it would be more appropriate for the council to approve the removal of the monument and let him devise a plan that would determine where it might eventually be placed.

“Right now, we have no idea who owns (the monument). The council has a right to make a decision to move it, but not to sell it,” Bellard added.

Councilmember Jerry Red Jr. suggested it would perhaps be more fitting if the monument was placed in a museum or on property where other Confederate artifacts are displayed.

Easton Shelvin, another council member, said the monument could be donated back to the United Daughters of The Confederacy, who according to a 1919 newspaper article, raised money along with a St. Landry Police Jury donation to pay the costs of the monument.

Council attorney Garrett Duplechain said he can find no evidence that the United Daughters of the Confederacy paid for the monument.

“The parish has ownership of (the monument). The parish is not trying to take ownership of the monument. The parish is just trying to determine whether the monument remains or not,” Duplechain added.

Whether the monument should remain on parish property was questioned during a March 2 Finance Committee by former St. Landry District Attorney Charles Cravins.

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Subpoena power on the table for House panel

This may help House find truth in Greene death investigation

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Louisiana’s lawmakers in the state House are on their way to granting subpoena power to special committees know as “select committees” like the one created to investigate the death of Ronald Greene during a violent arrest by State Police in 2019.

Republican Speaker Clay Schexnayder of Gonzales authored House Resolution No. 1, which the House Governmental Affairs Committee approved without objection Thursday.

“This would give the same authority to select committees as normal standing committees,” said Republican House and Governmental Affairs Chair John Stefanski of Crowley, who presented the measure for Schexnayder.

The resolution now heads to the full House for debate.

Last month Schexnayder created a bipartisan select committee to investigate the Ronald Greene case.

The panel, which is chaired by Republican Speaker Pro-tem of Houma, has already met twice, including a combative hearing on Tuesday in which retired State Police Col. Kevin Reeves denied there was any coverup concerning Greene’s death.

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Jude Tauzin, corporate chef for Tony Chachere’s Cajun Foods, poses for a photograph in the company’s production facility in Opelousas in 2015. PAUL KIEU/THE ADVERTISER

Tony Chachere’s is turning 50!

Here’s how the spice brand is celebrating

William Taylor Potter

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Tony Chachere’s Famous Creole Cuisine is celebrating its golden anniversary, marking 50 years since the launch of one of Louisiana’s most recognizable food brands.

Based in Opelousas, Tony Chachere’s began as a

retirement hobby for the brand’s namesake, Tony Chachere. Chachere was known as a hunter and fisherman around Opelousas, and he had a lifelong dream of writing a cookbook of Creole recipes.

When the 65-year-old Tony Chachere retired for the second time in 1972, he finally realized his dream, writing the famous Cajun Country Cookbook. Chachere originally sold the book out of his station wagon.

“What started as my great-grandfather’s life-long dream has now become a devoted mission for four generations of the Chachere family,” said Celeste Chachere, director of marketing for Tony Chachere’s,

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He preached to Black congregations and attended Ku Klux Klan rallies

Josh Archote

LSU Manship School News Service

— This is the first in a three-part series.

Although 57 years have passed, Leland Boyd still can’t forget the smell of burnt human flesh.

In December 1964, Leland, then 12, stood in the doorway of a hospital room, where Frank Morris, a

51-year-old Black man from Ferriday, Louisiana, lay in critical condition after two men had torched his shoe shop.

Morris was a friend of the Boyd family. Leland and his father, Earcel Boyd Sr., spent many afternoons after school in Morris’ shop. He repaired Leland and his

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