Jurors OK ordinance on solid waste disposal

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ABBEVILLE — The Vermilion Parish Police Jury approved a new ordinance Monday providing penalties for violation of its solid waste disposal regulations.

The new law would punish violators with a $200 fine, 30 days in jail or both.

Secretary-Treasurer Mike Bertrand told jurors that too many people in Vermilion Parish are dumping items that are not allowed into the jury's various solid waste containers. He said that sofas, appliances and other metal items are dumped indiscriminately into the containers and into adjoining ditches and roads.

Bertrand said that only household garbage items are allowed and that the jury plans to crack down on offenders.

In other business Monday, the jury approved a motion by James Dale Landry to write a letter asking the Holiday Cruise Ship Company in Galveston, Texas, to consider Vermilion as a home port for the firm's cruise-gambling ship enterprise.

The company operates a gambling cruise ship which would allow gambling in international waters.

Landry said the Port of Vermilion near Perry would be one possible site, along with Intracoastal City.

The same firm also is considering Cameron Parish as a possible site for its home port.

On another matter, a representative of the black community in Vermilion requested Monday that the jury hire someone to demolish the old McKinley-Scott Recreation Building in Abbeville.

Johnny Gaudet moved to readvertise for the demolition of the old structure within 30 days. His motion was approved unanimously.