

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, held a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 15th day of December, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 26th day of November, 2020 in the Plaquemine Post South and the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

A quorum was present and due notice had been published.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinance in entirety.

ORDINANCE 1 Ordinance to formally transfer a portion of Enterprise Boulevard located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana

The floor was opened to comments and questions. There was no opposition to this ordinance.

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 15th day of December, 2020.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 10th day of December, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. No one registered to speak.

ADDENDUM

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Proclamation for 2020 Evangeline Queen- Miss Emma Hargrove

- Chairman Jewell read aloud a proclamation, honoring Miss Emma Hargrove as Miss Evangeline for the 52nd International Acadian Festival Weekend in Iberville Parish. Due to COVID-19 the festival was not held this year.
- Chairman Jewell also presented Miss Hargrove a frame honoring her as the Honorary Parish President on behalf of President Ourso's absence.
- Evangeline Queen Emma Hargrove came before the Council to express her gratitude for the opportunity of being chosen as Evangeline. She thanked the Council for this honor.
- Pictures were taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Pierce, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of November 17, 2020 and approve as written. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jackson, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CAO, Edward Songy, Jr. reported on the following in the absence of President Ourso:

- Mr. Songy stated there were 3 sets of photographs presented to the Council.
- The first set was of the Intracoastal roadway and embankment project. The bids for this project will be received on January 21, 2021. It is estimated that the bids will be \$1.5 million dollars and the project will be awarded within 30 days of opening bids.
- The next set of photographs are of the progress of the water intake at the Water Plant in District 10.
- The late set of photographs were of the Eureka Road project, which has been completed. The final completion was accepted by the Parish President last week. Shintech assured the Parish their employees will use this road and not the residential roads between Hwy 1.
- There have been 561 new cases of COVID-19 in Iberville Parish since November 17, 2020 to present. The positivity rate was 10.9% as of December 9, 2020.
- The COVID-19 testing site at the North Iberville Community Center has had over 6,500 visitors for testing.
- The garbage collection on Christmas Day will be moved to Saturday for St. Gabriel.

Councilman Smith asked about certain blighted properties in his District. Mr. Songy discussed the course of action regarding condemning properties.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the proposed bond resolution for the IPRD Belleview Park is a preliminary resolution that is required by the State Bond Commission. He stated the deadline for the bond commission is tomorrow, and then a bond ordinance will be introduced in March 2021. He also stated the Parks and Recreation 10 year tax is expiring in 2022 and a

Special Election will be called for in April of 2021. Mr. Dunn read the following required announcement aloud.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Meeting Room, 2nd floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Iberville to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC # 011-20

ORDINANCE TO FORMALLY TRANSFER A PORTION OF ENTERPRISE BOULEVARD LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute Title 33, Section 224 provides that whenever any municipality annexes territory by any of the methods provided for by law, it shall also annex and maintain any parish road which is within the territory proposed to be annexed, but only insofar as the road is within the municipality. Where the road is adjacent to but not within the annexed territory the municipality and parish shall equally share the maintenance of the roadway.

WHEREAS, a portion of Enterprise Boulevard was constructed and located in the municipal limits of Plaquemine on a Right of Way granted to the Iberville Parish Council by A. Wilbert's Sons Island, LLC which is recorded at CB 561, En 111 of the Conveyance Records of Iberville Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Right of Way upon which this portion of Enterprise Boulevard was constructed was annexed into the City of Plaquemine in Ordinance Number 105 of the City of Plaquemine on December 16, 1997. A copy of the Right of Way survey plat map is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, the portion of Enterprise Boulevard Right of Way, including the paved portion of Enterprise Boulevard and associated roadway drainage improvements between La. Highway 77 and La. Highway 3066, excluding the bridge portion over Bayou Plaquemine, is transferred to the City of Plaquemine and all maintenance of this portion of Enterprise Boulevard shall be the responsibility of the City of Plaquemine.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council shall continue to be responsible for the ownership and maintenance of the bridge located across Bayou Plaquemine that forms a portion of Enterprise Boulevard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS: That the portion of Enterprise Boulevard located in the City of Plaquemine municipal limits between La. Highway 77 and La. Highway 3066, excluding the bridge portion over Bayou Plaquemine, shall be transferred to the City of Plaquemine, and the City of Plaquemine shall be responsible for the future maintenance of this portion of Enterprise Boulevard, and the Parish shall continue to maintain the bridge portion of this roadway .

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on November 17, 2020 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on November 26, 2020, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 15th day of December, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, was brought up for final passage with a motion by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.
NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Jackson, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 15th day of December, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:06 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Dominique.

Absent: Jackson, Morgan.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution for \$7.5 million bond for Parks & Recreation funding
- B) Resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development to provide for additional street lights along LA Hwy 1 between Popeyes and the Plaquemine Truck Stop & Casino

There were no questions from the Council or the public.

Councilman Kelley made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Dominique. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call by Resolution Committee Members only:

YEAS: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Morgan.

The recommendation was declared adopted by the Chairman to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting.

DURING THE REGULAR MEETING:

RESOLUTION IPC #2020-016

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana; providing certain terms of said Bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for the approval of said Bonds; employing professionals in connection with said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Kelley and seconded by Councilman Bradford.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer" or "Parish") is now receiving a portion of the revenues derived from the levy and collection of the one percent (1%) sales and use tax being levied and collected by the Issuer pursuant to an election held in the Issuer on September 30, 2006 (the "Tax"), provided, however, that State law limits the maximum amount of the Tax which may be collected within the boundaries of the City of St. Gabriel, State of Louisiana, to 2/3%, and further provided that the allocation of the proceeds of the Tax shall be subject to change after each Federal census based upon the respective population of each tax

recipient body as their boundaries existed on May 1, 2005, provided that the Parish allocation shall never be reduced to less than 50% of the Tax proceeds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the foregoing, the Issuer now desires to incur debt and issue not to exceed Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) of Sales Tax Bonds (the "Bonds"), in the manner authorized and provided by Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, for the purpose of financing improvements to parks and recreation facilities within the Parish, including acquiring equipment therefor, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has no outstanding bonds or other obligations of any kind or nature payable from or enjoying a lien on the revenues of the Tax herein pledged EXCEPT the Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 (the "Outstanding Parity Bonds"); and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the Governing Authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. **Preliminary Approval of Revenue Bonds.** Preliminary approval is given to the issuance of not exceeding Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000) of Sales Tax Bonds (the "Bonds") of the Issuer, pursuant to Act, for the purpose of the Project, said Bonds to be secured by and payable from an irrevocable pledge and dedication of the revenues to be derived from the Tax, subject only to the payment of the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax. The Bonds will be issued at an interest rate not exceeding 5% per annum and shall mature over a period of not exceeding fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance. The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall have such additional terms and provisions as may be determined by this Governing Authority.

SECTION 2. **State Bond Commission.** Application is hereby made to the State Bond Commission, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds and for consent and authority to proceed with the issuance and sale of the Bonds as provided above, and Bond Counsel is directed to make application to the State Bond Commission in accordance with the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer. By virtue of applicant/issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the AState Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.," adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 3. **Employment of Bond Counsel.** This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., of New Orleans, Louisiana, as Bond Counsel, is hereby employed to do and perform work of a traditional legal nature as bond counsel with respect to the issuance and sale of said Bonds. Said Bond Counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption all of the proceedings incidental to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of such Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale thereof and shall furnish its opinions covering the legality of the issuance of the Bonds. The fee of Bond Counsel for each series of bonds shall be fixed at a sum not exceeding the fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee guidelines for such bond counsel work in connection with the issuance of revenue bonds and based on the amount of said Bonds actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus Aout-of-pocket@ expenses, said fees to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of said Bonds. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the engagement letter of Bond Counsel appended hereto. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana for his written approval of said employment and of the fees herein designated, and the Director of Finance is hereby empowered and directed to provide for payment of the work herein specified upon completion thereof and under the conditions herein enumerated without further approval of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 4. **Reimbursement.** Prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer anticipates that it may pay a portion of the costs of the Project, from the general fund, sales tax fund, or other available funds in an amount not exceeding \$2,000,000. Upon issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer reasonably expects to reimburse said expenditures from the proceeds of the Bonds. Any such allocation of the proceeds of the Bonds for reimbursement will be with respect to capital expenditures [as defined in Treasury Regulation 1.150-1(b)] and will be made upon the delivery of the Bonds and not later than one year after the date of (i) the date such expenditure was made or (ii) the date the improvements were placed in service. This resolution is intended to be a declaration of intent to reimburse in accordance with the provisions of Treasury Regulation 1.150-2.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 15th day of December, 2020, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Easley, Jackson, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted on the 15th day of December, 2020.

RESOLUTION IPC #2020-017

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS ALONG LA HWY 1 BETWEEN POPEYES AND THE PLAQUEMINE TRUCK STOP & CASINO

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Kelley and seconded by Councilman Bradford.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has received complaints from residents regarding the lack of sufficient lighting along LA Highway 1 between Popeyes and the Plaquemine Truck Stop & Casino.

WHEREAS, LA HWY 1 is very heavily traveled and the installation of additional street lighting would improve and enhance the area.

WHEREAS, there have been several pedestrian fatalities along this portion of LA Highway 1 involving the motoring public. Increased lighting along this portion of the LA Hwy 1 would greatly improve the safety of pedestrians utilizing this area.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is requested to provide installation of roadway lighting along LA HWY 1 between Popeyes and the Plaquemine Truck Stop & Casino.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

"That a certified copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation & Development, P.O. Box 831, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, the State Legislative Delegation, Honorable Chad Brown, and Honorable Rick Ward, III."

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 15th day of December, 2020, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Easley, Jackson, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted on the 15th day of December, 2020.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Markins, and seconded by the Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN