

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 in the Post South.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Warren Taylor, District 1; Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., District 5; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; 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; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6.

Councilwoman Lewis is now present.

A quorum was present and due notice had been given.

Mr. Edward Songy, CAO and Legal Advisor, Mr. Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinance in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1** Ordinance to grant AT&T a utility servitude along Enterprise Boulevard from La Hwy 1148 to John Britton Parkway

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

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Council Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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: Warren Taylor, District 1; Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Edwin M. Reeves, Jr., District 5; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; 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; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4.

Parish President- J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been published in the official journal on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. The following individuals registered to speak: Mrs. Haley Brown, Mr. Klein Kirby, Mr. "Fry" Hymel, and Ms. Corliss Allen.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

##### A) Presentation by Ochsner Health System

- CEO, Dawn Pevey came before the Council to present a slideshow highlighting the results of the Iberville Ochsner Medical Facility for its one year anniversary. Within the first year the clinic had over 14,400 visits, 21 codes requiring life sustaining intervention, 1 baby was delivered, and over 800 new clinic patients to the Ochsner Health System. The national average of wait time is 1 hour and the Iberville Ochsner Medical Facility's average is 14 minutes. The overall rating of patient experience surveys are in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of satisfaction in each category. Ochsner in Baton Rouge is the largest integrated Health System in the Gulf Coast, the number one rated hospital in Baton Rouge by CareChex, and among the top 100 hospitals in the United States.
- The Iberville Ochsner Medical Facility will host a Community Health Fair on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 8 am to 12 pm.
- Chairman Jewell asked if the clinic offers pediatric services. Ms. Pevey stated right now the clinic only sees adults and it is something they will look into.
- The following residents came before the Council to express their appreciation for the Iberville Ochsner Medical Facility: Mrs. Haley Brown, Mr. Klein Kirby, Mr. "Fry" Hymel, and Ms. Corliss Allen.

##### B) 6<sup>th</sup> District Area D Commander of the American Legion & Commander of Post 160 of Port Allen- Mr. Claude Crawford

- Commander Claude Crawford came before the Council to express sincere gratitude for the Veterans' van and for the Mardi Gras float in the recent parade. They are very grateful for the beautiful van that the Parish President and Parish Council provides and also for their continued support and dedication to the Veterans.
- The Council thanked Commander Crawford and others for their services they provide.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Reeves, and seconded by Councilman Taylor, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of Tuesday, January 19, 2016 and approve as written.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso stated the results of the Iberville Ochsner Medical Facility is great news. He was touched by the appreciation of the residents that came before the Council to speak on behalf of the medical facility.
- He also thanked the Veterans for their services and stated the van is just a small token to honor them for all their endurance and dedication. President Ourso raised money to allow them to have their own float in the parade. The float was donated by Mr. Terry Hebert.

- The Parish had asbestos consulting done on the Parish Jail. There is a small amount in the jail and will have to be removed before any work can be done on the HVAC system. The removal process will take 4-5 days. Sheriff Stassi will transport 110 inmates to LaSalle Parish's private prison during this time frame. Councilman Reeves asked what the Parish will do with the new inmates during this time. Sheriff Stassi answered they will work with West Baton Rouge, and will work with the District Attorney's Office and the Judges to arrange new court dates for bench warrants.
- The Parish has a program that offers utility assistance. They spent two days at the North Iberville Community Center and assisted 213 people and spent a total of \$70,000. The next week they visited the East Iberville area and assisted 178 people and spent a total of \$52,000. As of today, the Parish has helped 391 people and spent \$122,000 with a remaining balance of \$57,000. The Parish will go to Bayou Pigeon, Bayou Sorrell, and Bayou Goula tomorrow. Councilman Taylor asked about White Castle, and President Ourso said they started north and are heading south and White Castle will be the next stop once more money comes in.
- President Ourso presented folders to the Council. The first folder contains pictures of the Price Street Canal that is being worked on with Gustav/Ike funds. The second folder contains pictures of the project installing the 12" inch water line from the water plant tying into the Point Pleasant Tower. President Ourso stated the Parish is going above and beyond to take precautions and get the water from the wells tested more often than the Department of Health and Hospitals requires. The third folder contains pictures of the water tanks being elevated. If the water tanks are not lifted they will continuously overflow due to the tank at Point Pleasant being 5 or 6 feet higher.
- The Iberville Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a breakfast and Congressman Graves was the guest speaker. Congressman Graves spoke about the transportation issues and the State's financial crisis. Congressman Graves stressed the importance of a bridge and the alignment of the proposed bridge. President Ourso asked the Council to stress the importance of the alignment of the proposed bridge to be located here in Iberville Parish.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace was not present.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn stated the financial statements have been mailed. Mr. Dunn explained to the new Council members that the sales tax report is received on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. The Finance Department has started the audit process, and will continue to work on the complete audit for the entire Parish for the next 3 months.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### **ORDINANCE IPC# 003-16**

#### **ORDINANCE TO GRANT A SERVITUDE TO BELL SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, D/B/A AT&T LOUISIANA ALONG ENTERPRISE BOULEVARD FROM LA. HIGHWAY 1148 (CHOCTAW ROAD) UP TO JOHN BRITTON PARKWAY**

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council is the owner in fee title to a parcel of land known as Enterprise Boulevard, which consists of the paved roadway and adjacent land on each side of the roadway for a total of 130 feet in the area of the requested servitude by AT&T.

WHEREAS, AT&T desires to install a telecommunication line along Enterprise Boulevard from La. Highway 1148 (Choctaw Road) up to John Britton Parkway, near the Iberville Parish Industrial & Technology Park.

WHEREAS, the attached survey map illustrates the location of the proposed telecommunication line in the Enterprise Boulevard property to be supplied by AT&T Louisiana on the Parish's property.

NOW, therefore be it ordained by the Iberville Parish Council as follows: “That AT&T Louisiana be and is hereby authorized to install a telecommunication line on the parcel of Parish land known as Enterprise Boulevard from La. Highway 1148 (Choctaw Road) to John Britton Parkway, adjacent to the Iberville Parish Industrial and Technology Park.”

The foregoing ordinance, which was previously introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, 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 Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Reeves, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance to accept donation of four tracts of land from Mimi Hebert Wright, Jan Hebert Shaw, Eric L. Hebert, Allison Hebert Ray, Bean Family Properties No. 2, LLC, Garfield Investments, LLC, Mary Kathryn Hebert, Omer King Hebert, True Hope Enterprises, LLC and Diane Hebert Bergeron

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominique, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinance.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following ye and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:07 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Reeves, Vallet, Lewis, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Jackson.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution to reinstate an Iberville Mississippi Bridge crossing into the final Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement for the Baton Rouge Loop Project

Councilman Vallet made a recommendation to forward the resolution to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Markins. 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: Reeves, Vallet, Lewis, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2016-003**

#### **RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE AN IBERVILLE MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE CROSSING INTO THE FINAL TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE BATON ROUGE LOOP PROJECT**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Kelley, seconded by the Council.

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Expressway Authority, with the Federal Highway Administration acting as Lead Federal Agency, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is proposing the development of the Baton Rouge Loop toll facility.

WHEREAS, a Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) and 6(f) Evaluation (FEIS) for the proposed project evaluated multiple corridors in the South Unit within three preferred Mississippi River crossing corridors, including the Plaquemine Crossing in Corridor Section S12.

WHEREAS, the FEIS recommends elimination of fourteen alternatives, including all alternatives in the Plaquemine Crossing due to “low traffic volumes and additional 10-15 miles of roadway”, characterizing the Section as “not feasible from a traffic and tolling perspective”.

WHEREAS, an independent study performed by the Capital Region Industry for Sustainable Infrastructure, or CRISIS, indicated the potential for a Plaquemine Crossing.

WHEREAS, CRISIS found that a project which includes a widening of LA 30 on the east bank of the river and terminating at I-10 west of LA 415 which crosses in the Plaquemine Crossing outperforms bridges which cross in the corridors in West Baton Rouge Parish in terms of savings in regional vehicle hours traveled, the key metric in that study report.

WHEREAS, the population of Iberville Parish has been stagnant for nearly 50 years, despite being part of a fast growing metropolitan area.

WHEREAS, the lack of population growth can be partially attributable to the lack of mobility, connectivity, and traffic congestion experienced in the region.

WHEREAS, the location of Iberville Parish, in the deep draft portion of the Mississippi River, is conducive to industrial growth which would spur the economy and population growth in the parish.

WHEREAS, the lack of efficient intermodal connectivity by highway puts Iberville Parish at a disadvantage to other parishes in the region in attracting industry.

WHEREAS, every parish in the deep draft portion of the Mississippi River has a bridge which crosses the river, except for Iberville Parish.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council believes that the FEIS’s justification that the Plaquemine Crossing corridors are infeasible based on traffic and tolling is an overstatement and mischaracterizes the actual comparison of the crossing in the report.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council disagrees, based on documentation in the FEIS, that the statement “some public officials and political bodies from Ascension and Iberville parishes have publicly opposed the project for various reasons” also mischaracterizes the opinions of those entities in this Parish.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iberville Parish Council strongly supports a Mississippi River Bridge crossing in Iberville Parish and strongly requests that alternatives utilizing the Plaquemine Crossing be reinstated into the Study as a part of the Record of Decision on the Tier 1 FEIS so that it can be further considered in the Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

#### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

The Boards and Commissions Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:09 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Committee Members only in attendance: Vallet, Markins, Lewis, Reeves, Arnold.

Absent: Jackson.

A quorum was present.

##### A) Appointment of Mr. Hurice Oubre to Waterworks District No. 3- Dominique

Upon a recommendation by Councilman Reeves, and seconded by Councilman Vallet, it was recommended to forward the appointment of Mr. Hurice Oubre to the Iberville Parish Waterworks District No. 3 Board to the regular meeting. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call by Boards and Commission Committee Members only:

YEAS: Vallet, Markins, Lewis, Reeves, Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The recommendation was declared adopted by the Chairman.

##### During the Regular Meeting:

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominique, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to appoint Mr. Hurice Oubre to the Iberville Parish Waterworks District No. 3 Board. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 16, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Reeves, and seconded by Councilman Arnold to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN