

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, held a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 21st day of March, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 16th day of March, 2017 in the Post South.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order at 6:00 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; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Anne M. Reeves, District 5; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12, Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11.

A quorum was present and due notice had been given.

Parish President- J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., 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 transfer parcel of land (Williams Street Park) located on Williams Street in St. Gabriel, Louisiana to the City of St. Gabriel

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 6:03 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017**

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 21st day of March, 2017.

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; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Anne M. Reeves, 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; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Timothy J. Vallet, District 11.

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 16th day of March, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. There were 3 people who registered to speak: Mr. Wayne Brigelia, Mr. Warren Harang, Mr. Patrick Lawless.

ADDENDUM

Chairman Jewell stated 3 people registered to speak before the Council. A unanimous vote is required to allow the addendum items.

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilwoman Reeves, it was moved to go into addendum to allow 3 people to speak before the Council. 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, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley,
Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on March 21, 2017.

- A) Candidate for District No. 2 Senator- Mr. Wayne Brigelia
- Mr. Brigelia came before the Council to introduce himself and announce his candidacy for District No. 2 Senator. Mr. Brigelia explained that he has helped people all of his life and will continue to do so if elected District No. 2 Senator.
- B) Candidate for District No. 2 Senator- Warren Harang
- Mr. Harang came before the Council, introducing himself and announcing his candidacy for District No. 2 Senator. Mr. Harang explained he wants to bring credibility back to Senate District No. 2.
- C) Candidate for District No. 2 Senator- Patrick Lawless
- Mr. Lawless came before the Council and introduced himself, and announced his candidacy for District No. 2 Senator. Mr. Lawless expressed his desire to serve as District No. 2 Senator and cut wasteful spending and promote self-sufficiency.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Lewis, and seconded by Councilwoman Reeves, it was moved to go out of addendum. 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, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on March 21, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A) Proclaiming April 2017 as Autism Awareness Month
- Chairman Jewell read the proclamation aloud. The Council proclaims the month of April as Autism Awareness Month in Iberville Parish. Ms. Teresa Wilson and Mr. Daniel Verret, came forward to accept the proclamation on behalf of Families Helping Families and their 8th Active for Autism Walk/Run and Fun Fest. A picture was taken for the newspaper.
- B) Resolution of Recognition for the White Castle Bulldogs as the LHSAA 1A State Champions
- The Resolution of Recognition was read aloud by Vice Chairman Taylor. Vice Chairman Taylor, Councilman Ourso, and Councilman Dominique presented the resolution to the White Castle High School Basketball Team and Head Coach Troy Green. A picture was taken for the newspaper.
- C) Presentation by Neel-Schaffer, Inc. of "Traffic Study" for Iberville Parish
- Neel-Schaffer, Inc. presented a slideshow presentation regarding the Iberville Parish Traffic Study. The scope of work was to include daily traffic counts. They estimated on a daily basis how much traffic is entering and exiting the Parish in 2016. They also reviewed the CRISIS southern bridge crossing alternatives F, N, Q, and R using the Capital Region Planning Commission Transportation Model.
 - Location 1 represents traffic data that was collected on LA 1 in West Baton Rouge Parish with a count of 43,400 vehicles per day on a daily basis. Location 2 represents LA 1 at

the Iberville Parish line with 31,600 vehicles and 3,100 vehicles on River Road. Location 3 is located on LA 1 south of White Castle and that daily traffic count was 11,500. Location 4 represents counts on the East side of the river. At the East Baton Rouge and Iberville Parish line on LA 30 there were 16,500 vehicles per day. There were 2,200 vehicles per day on the River Road. Location 5 represents counts along the Ascension Parish and Iberville Parish line: LA 74 with 9,500 vehicles, LA 30 with 8,700 vehicles, and River Road with 4,500 vehicles per day.

- East Iberville has 25,400 daily trips entering and exiting the Parish. West Iberville has 41,000 daily trips entering and exiting the Parish. Up to 77% of traffic projected to use the new bridge will be to/from Iberville Parish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Reeves, and seconded by Councilman Taylor, it was moved to make a correction to the minutes to include Councilwoman Anne Reeves' name in place of Edwin Reeves, Jr. to the minutes of February 21, 2017 and approve as corrected.

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, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso congratulated the White Castle High Bulldogs on their new title as the LHSAA 1A State Champions. He will make a donation to the White Castle High Bulldogs to help pay for their State Champion rings. He will also match the donations made by the Iberville Parish School Board.
- He discussed the previously presented traffic study findings. There are over 29,000 residents in Iberville Parish. The majority of the traffic coming through our Parish are workers that work in our industry but live in surrounding Parishes. On Thursday, there will be a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation, Dr. Shawn Wilson and the 4 surrounding Parish Presidents to discuss the traffic findings.
- Three Town Hall meetings for the Parks & Recreation system improvements have concluded and there are three more to go. There will be a final summary from a design group once the meetings have been completed.
- The Iberville Parish Pet Awareness Day at the Mike Zito Multi-Purpose Center will be on April 8, 2017 from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Rabies Clinic, Pet Adoptions, and more.

- Our Animal Control recently adopted out and delivered 22 dogs to Virginia. The Parish's Animal Shelter is a no kill shelter.
- The Office of Emergency Preparedness is requesting everyone to register their cell phone with 911 to receive emergency alerts on their cell phones.
- The COA in Maringouin is currently being designed and will go out for bid soon.
- The old Williams Park is being donated to the City of St. Gabriel, the Parish spent \$12,000 – \$15,000 to update the park before the donation.
- CAO, Mr. Edward Songy, went to the Waterworks District No. 3 office to meet with the Board members to discuss abolishing the District, and they fully understood and agreed.
- A packet was presented to the Council with applications for 2 summer workers. Please return applications to the Human Resources Department.
- The Iron Farms Canal will go out for bid soon and should be completed by the end of the summer.
- The Alligator Bayou renovations will go out for bid in June for the \$2.5 million project.
- The aqua dams have been ordered for Manchac Road in St. Gabriel. The Parish purchased over 17,000 feet for \$300,000 without the help of FEMA. The Parish will now be able to protect its residents on the east side of the river should another flooding disaster occur. The Parish might have to invest in a storage building on the east side of the river to protect and maintain the aqua dams.
- The work in the Clerk of Courts' office is going quickly. The ceiling grids are being reinstalled and the walls are being re-painted, and the flooring is being replaced. It should be complete in the next 45 days.
- There are elections coming up and will put the HVAC renovations on hold.

Councilman Kelley asked for an update on the bridge on Gracie Lane. President Ourso stated it has to be rebuilt and a right of way had to be acquired from the Schwing family. The northern bridge's contract has been signed with Tullier Contractors.

There will be a meeting with LA DOTD in April to discuss the Hwy 3066 transfers from last year and what the roadway will look like.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace stated the large project in St. Gabriel has been put on hold. The State offered that project the Industrial Tax Exemption program where the local government can offer a reduced tax rate and its tied up in the court of appeals right now with Cameron Parish. A company in St. Gabriel is looking to expand their warehouse.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn explained the Finance Department is currently working on the annual audit.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 005-17

**ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER PARCEL OF LAND (WILLIAMS STREET) PARK LOCATED
INTERSECTION OF LA. HIGHWAY 75 AND WILLIAMS STREET TO THE CITY OF ST.
GABRIEL**

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council owns a parcel of immovable property located in the City of St. Gabriel at the intersection of Williams Street and La. Highway 75, which is more particularly identified on the Map and Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof.

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter Section 2-11 provides that an ordinance shall be required to dispose of any real property on behalf of the Parish.

WHEREAS, the 1.75 acre tract of land being transferred herein was acquired from the Iberville Parish School Board on January 5, 1979 by virtue of a "Dation En Paiement" filed of record at CB 281, En. 116. There is currently located on the parcel of land a small building utilized as a voting precinct and the land is also utilized as a public park maintained by the City of St. Gabriela and Iberville Parks and Recreation District.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Gabriel has requested that the parcel of land be transferred from the Iberville Parish Council to the City so that the City can expand its recreational programs and services at the "Williams Street Park" to better provide services and enhance the growth and development within the City of St. Gabriel. The Consideration for this transfer of land shall be the benefits to be provided by the City to enhance the growth and development of the City and to provide and maintain the property in good shape and to continue the maintenance and operation of the voting precinct and Public Park for all citizens of Iberville Parish. The City will also enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with IPRD for enhancing and continued use of the recreational facilities at the site.

WHEREAS, in the event the property shall not be utilized as a voting precinct and public park, the property shall revert back to the ownership of the Iberville Parish Council, unless the Parish grants expression for utilization of the land for some other lawful public purpose.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS: that the Iberville Parish President, J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr. is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents for the transfer of the parcel of land herein identified to the City of St. Gabriel for the purposes specified herein and in accordance with Louisiana law.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on February 21, 2017 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on March 16, 2017 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21st day of March, 2017, 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 Councilwoman Reeves, and seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, 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, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21st day of March, 2017.

Councilman Jackson stated the property that was donated is beautiful and the City of St. Gabriel appreciates this donation. He explained that President Ourso and staff made tremendous improvements to the park.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance authorizing the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Waterworks District No. 3 of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana; approving the form and terms of such agreement; and providing for other matters in connection therewith
- 2) Ordinance abolishing Waterworks District No. 3 of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, in accordance with and as authorized by Section 3811 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinances.

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, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on March 21, 2017.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:04 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Reeves, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Vallet, Lewis.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution adopting the citizen participation plan as required by the State of Louisiana Division of Administration Community Development Block Grant
- B) Resolution authorizing the President to hold a public hearing to obtain citizen input related to the FY 2018/2019 State of Louisiana Division of Administration Community Development Block Grant Program

Councilman Markins made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Arnold. 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, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet, Lewis.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2017-006

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Reeves and seconded by Councilman Bradford.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, CDBG Section will be accepting applications for FY 2018/2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grants; and

WHEREAS, the State is requiring communities to revise existing Citizen Participation Plans to conform to current HUD regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Citizen Participation Plan dated March 21, 2017 is hereby adopted and will supersede all previously adopted Citizen Participation Plans.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 21st day of March, 2017, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21st day of March, 2017.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2017-007

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN CITIZEN INPUT RELATED TO THE FY 2018/2019 STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Reeves and seconded by Councilman Bradford.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, CDBG Section will be accepting applications for FY 2018/2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grants (LCDBG); and,

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council acknowledges that the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program is an excellent source of funding for needed community improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to hold a Public Hearing on April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, LA to obtain citizen views on community needs;

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 21st day of March, 2017, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21st day of March, 2017.

President Ourso wanted to mention there are 49 properties to be condemned within the Parish. There are 19 blighted properties that have received letters. There have been 9 cases to appear before the Hearing Officer and only one person has appealed and will go before the court.

He also stated the Sydney Road project has been completed. The Parish will move on with the rest of the program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilwoman Lewis to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN