

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017  
PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing posted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017 on the Council Meeting door and Iberville Parish website.

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; Steve C. Smith, 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: Courtney P. Lewis, District 6;

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted. 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 ordinances in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1** Ordinance to grant a fifty foot (50') right of way on Parish property adjacent to Department of Public Works Maintenance Facility for overhead electrical transmission line

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

**ORDINANCE 2** Ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2018 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget and the Amended 2017 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for the Iberville Parish Council

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 6:10 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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; Steve C. Smith, 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: Courtney P. Lewis, District 6

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

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017. 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.

**PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

- A) Spirit of Togetherness
- Ms. Vanessa Armstead was not present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Councilman Bradford, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of October 17, 2017 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: Dominique, Smith, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Ourso, Jackson, Lewis, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Councilman Jackson is now present.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Ourso reported on the following:

- The Sheriff's Office and Assessor's Office are moving back into their offices today. The air conditioning work in the Courthouse is now complete. The parapet and exterior construction will continue into the next year.
- The Council on Aging Facility in Maringouin has been delayed due to the weather.
- Councilman Morgan and Councilman Jackson met with President Ourso yesterday regarding possible litigation regarding drainage in East Iberville. President Ourso asked the Council to go into executive session.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss possible litigation. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to go out of Executive Session at 6:42 p.m. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Lewis, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Councilman Dominique is no longer present.

Legal Counsel, Scott Stassi came before the Council and stated the Executive Session was to discuss possible litigation regarding drainage in East Iberville.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace was not present.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn stated the budget ordinance is up for adoption tonight. He stated if there are any questions to please call him anytime.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE IPC# 018-17**

**ORDINANCE TO GRANT A FIFTY FOOT (50') RIGHT OF WAY ON PARISH PROPERTY ADJACENT TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY FOR OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION LINE**

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council is the owner of a tract of land located next to Louisiana Highway 3066 upon which the Parish Department of Public Works Maintenance Facility is located.

WHEREAS, Entergy Louisiana, LLC has plans for location of an electrical transmission line over Parish owned property to better serve the needs of area residents with electrical service.

WHEREAS, a fifty foot (50') Right of Way is necessary for the installation of the new electrical transmission line, which is more particularly described on a survey map entitled, "PLAT SHOWING R/W ACROSS 19.84 ACRES TRACT, IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL, LOCATED IN SECTION 15, T92, R 12E, SOUTHEASTER LAND DISTRICT, PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC. PREPARED BY STEPHEN V. ESTOPINAL, PLS, AND DATED NOVEMBER 9, 2015", a copy of which is annexed hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council had an appraisal prepared on the Right of Way by a licensed appraiser and the estimated value of the Fifty Foot (50') Right of Way is the sum of \$18,572.00 which Entergy Louisiana, LLC has agreed to pay the Iberville Parish Council for the Right of Way. A copy of the appraisal report is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, the installation of the overhead electrical transmission line by Entergy Louisiana, LLC will not interfere with the operations of the Parish Department of Public Works and the Parish shall be allowed full access for the continued use of its property subject to the limitations detailed in the Right of Way Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2-11 (A)(11) provides that an ordinance shall be required to convey or lease or authorize the conveyance of lease of any lands or property of the Parish Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS: That J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to execute a Right of Way Agreement with Entergy Louisiana, LLC to convey a Fifty Foot (50') servitude in favor of Entergy Louisiana, LLC as shown on the survey map above described for the sum of \$18,572."

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 17, 2017 and a summary thereof having been posted, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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 Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Smith, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Bradford, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Kelley.

ABSENT: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Markins.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

### **ORDINANCE IPC #019-17**

#### **PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AND AMENDED 2017 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

#### **ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND THE AMENDED 2017 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 5-03 and 5-05 provide that the Iberville Parish Council shall adopt annually an operating budget and a capital improvement budget for the fiscal year of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 amended and 2018 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets have been presented to the Iberville Parish Council and the General Public, and a public hearing will be held on the budgets and all proposed modifications, if any, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

**WHEREAS**, the Iberville Parish Department of Finance has submitted for appropriation requests to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, all requests for capital outlay funding for Parish projects, the Governor's Office of Rural Development, Department of Transportation & Development, Department of Labor, Department of Military Affairs, and Department of Health & Hospitals, and while it is not presently known if the requests will be approved and funded, the State funds shall be included in the 2018 budgets to the extent such funds are received by the Iberville Parish Council.

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 amended budget and the 2018 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets having been duly submitted for public hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Iberville Parish Council, as follows;

"That the 2018 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets for the Iberville Parish Council be approved and adopted as amended.

"That the 2017 Amended Budget be approved and adopted."

"That a copy of the budgets shall be on file with the Iberville Parish Council Clerk and open for public inspection in accordance with law."

"That this ordinance be published in accordance with the provision of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter, and that the approved budget shall become effective January 1, 2018, in accordance with law."

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

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 17, 2017 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on November 16, 2017, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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 Councilman Bradford, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Markins.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A) Introduction of Ordinance

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Songy:

#### 1) Ordinance to purchase property in Bayou Pigeon for proposed new Fire Station

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, December 19, 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 ye and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 6:10 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Lewis, Markins.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

#### A) Resolution to Declare the Legal Holidays for 2018

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Markins, Jackson.

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

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT- DURING THE REGULAR MEETING

#### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2017-020**

#### **RESOLUTION TO DECLARE LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2018**

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 1:55 and the Home Rule Charter, the Iberville Parish Council hereby approves the attached holiday schedule as public holidays for its employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Iberville Parish Council as follows:

“That the attached holiday schedule for 2018 is hereby approved for parish council employees, insofar as practical, and that those essential public safety personnel and employees whose service is necessary and indispensable and required for the efficient administration of parish government shall be required to work on said holidays.”

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

YEAS: Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Markins.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2017.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN