

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017  
PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, held a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Anne M. Reeves, District 5; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

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 ordinances in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 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

**ORDINANCE 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

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

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Anne M. Reeves, District 5; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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.

**ADDENDUM**

Chairman Jewell stated there are two addendum items on the agenda. A unanimous vote is required to allow the addendum items.

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to go into addendum to allow the two addendum items to be added to the agenda. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Jackson, Reeves, Bradford, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on April 18, 2017.

A) Request to appear before the Council- Mr. Isaac Jackson

- Mr. Jackson stated he is speaking here tonight as a private citizen. He wrote a joint letter to the US Supreme Court and the LA Board of Ethics with efforts to get our legislature to repeal or appropriately amend La. R.S. 30:51.

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, 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 votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Jackson, Reeves, Bradford, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on April 18, 2017.

### PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

#### A) Candidate for District No. 2 Senator- Ed Price

- Mr. Ed Price came before the Council to announce his candidacy for District No. 22 Senator. Mr. Price is currently a Representative for Louisiana. He previously served as an Ascension School Board member. He is a member of the Capital Region CRISIS Team and he fully supports the bridge efforts. He spoke about the importance of a toll. He asked the Council for their support.

Chairman Jewell asked about the proposed gas tax. Mr. Price stated the proposal now is to have the data driven to find where the need is for the gas tax.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to wave the reading of the March 21, 2017 minutes and approve as written. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Jackson, Reeves, Bradford, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso stated the deadline for the Council members to turn in 2 student worker applications is fast approaching.
- On Thursday, May 4, 2017 at Carl F. Grant Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. to noon there will be a job fair sponsored by SGS Petroleum and hosted by the Parish.
- President Ourso received a call from Congressman Graves' office stating DOTD will survey Hwy 75 and its damaged areas. He thanked Councilman Kelley for his efforts in assisting DOTD.

- The transfer of Hwy 3066 to Jack Millers, Gracie Lane Bridge will be a \$1 M job and the bid will go out sometime in May.
- President Ourso met with DOTD last week, to discuss soil testing and they agreed there will be no more than 4 ft of right away being extended, soil testing and boring, he asked DOTD for an estimated timeframe and it will be 2022.
- RJ Daigle is the lowest bidder and is rebuilding the St. Gay Subdivision and True Hope Road.
- On May 16, 2017 the Parish will launch a website with data driven information for the new proposed bridge. Before the website is launched it will be presented at the Council meeting. DOTD would not let the Parish monitor the traffic on their cameras. The Parish put their own cameras up instead and show the people the traffic in the Parish.
- Courthouse renovations- the ceiling is back in place, the flooring is being redone in the Clerk of Court's office and should be done in 30 days. Because of the elections the renovations will be delayed. There will be a window in July for the next 10 day shut down. This project is close to over \$3.5 million, not including the Sheriff's Office and the Assessor Office has not been done yet. The crowning on the roof is cracking and cost another \$70,000 -80,000. The public maintenance fund doesn't even come close to cover the expenses of this public building and the rest comes from the general fund.
- The inmates in the jail have to be moved while the jail is being worked on. Its \$25 a day per inmate. The jail was built in 1976 and its issues need to be addressed. The water lines have to be run above ground now. It will be a 65 day project.
- DOTD always took a reactive approach after the issue happened and never a proactive approach. After the closing of the intercostal bridge the truck traffic was diverted into Grosse Tete, the trucks were getting lost and coming through the Parish. The Parish requested signage. The State posted new bridge weight limits and this has stopped commerce and deliveries. They were not allowing the Parish's garbage trucks, boom trucks to pass through and service this area.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace was not present.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn stated the financial statements have been sent out. There were no questions from the Council.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### **ORDINANCE IPC# 006-17**

**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**

WHEREAS, by ordinance adopted on September 20, 1960, the Parish of Iberville, State of

Louisiana (the “Parish”), created Waterworks District No. 3 of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the “District”); and

WHEREAS, the District currently owns and operates a waterworks system (the “System”); and

WHEREAS, the Parish wishes to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the District in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A hereto (the “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement”), to provide for the purchase of the system by the Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, now desires to authorize the Parish President to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to assist the Parish in accomplishing the purposes set forth therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana that:

SECTION 1. The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority hereby approves the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A hereto, subject to revisions as may be approved by the Parish President.

SECTION 3. The Parish shall be bound by the terms of and covenants set forth in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and shall take any and all actions required to maintain compliance therewith. The Parish President is hereby authorized to do and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance, including but not limited to executing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as may be required.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on March 21, 2017 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on April 13, 2017, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Kelley, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Jackson, Reeves, Bradford, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

## **ORDINANCE IPC# 007-17**

### **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**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3811 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the "Act"), the Iberville Parish Council (the "Parish Council") adopted a resolution on February 21, 2017, declaring its intention to abolish Waterworks District No. 3 of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "District") and fixing a date for a public hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, there has been published once a week for four successive weeks (March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 23, 2017) in the *Plaquemine Post South*, the official journal of the District and the Parish Council (the "Official Journal"), a notice in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, declaring the intention of the Parish Council to abolish the District and the date of public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing required by the Act was had on this date, at which hearing no objections were received to the abolition of the District;

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

SECTION 1) Effective as of June 1, 2017, the District shall be abolished in its entirety.

SECTION 2) Any funds and assets remaining with the District shall, upon abolition of the District, transfer to the General Fund of the Parish to be used solely for the purposes for which such funds and assets may lawfully be used. Any deposits or other funds previously required to be segregated on the books of the District shall be segregated on the books of the Parish.

SECTION 3) The Chairman and Clerk of the Governing Authority are hereby authorized to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4) All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5) If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SECTION 6) This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on March 21, 2017 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on April 13, 2017, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Kelley, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Jackson, Reeves, Bradford, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance to provide for placement of recreational vehicles in unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish

Upon a motion by Councilman Ourso, seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinance. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Jackson, Reeves, Bradford, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on April 18, 2017.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

##### A) None

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Vallet to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN