

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017  
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing posted on the Council Meeting Room door and 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; Anne M. Reeves, District 5; 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; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Terry J. Bradford, District 9.

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 provide for placement of recreational vehicles in unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish

Councilman Jackson is now present.

The floor was opened to comments and questions. There was a lengthy discussion among the Council members, CAO, Edward Songy and Legal Counsel, Scott Stassi. Councilman Kelley stated he is against this ordinance. There was opposition from other Council members as well. There was no opposition to the ordinance by the general public.

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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: None.

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 May, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. One person registered to speak before the Council.

### ADDENDUM

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

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilwoman Lewis, it was moved to go into addendum to allow the four addendum items to be added to the agenda. 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, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on May 16, 2017.

- A) Request to speak before the Council- Mr. Warren Harang
  - Mr. Warren Harang came before the Council to announce his candidacy for State Senate District No. 2.
  - He asked for support in the upcoming run-off election on May 27, 2017.
- B) Eatel Communications- Telecommunications Service Provider
  - Mrs. Francis Tempanaro, owner of Clear Choice Communications announced that she will now merge with Eatel Communications.
  - A representative with Eatel Communications stated their family owned company will be committed to serving Iberville Parish.
- C) Request to Appear before the Council- Isaac Jackson
  - Mr. Isaac Jackson came before the Council to present the response to his public records request from the Attorney General's office.
- D) Introduction of Ordinance- Ordinance to establish Nicholas Street located in Plaquemine, LA
  - Moved to agenda item 11-A-2.

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, 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 yea and nay votes on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on May 16, 2017.

### PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A) Presentation of the Iberville Parish Proposed Bridge & Traffic Information Website- Randall Dunn
  - Mr. Dunn came before the Council to announce the launch of the Iberville Parish Proposed Bridge & Traffic Information Website.
  - Mr. Dunn gave a tour of the newly launched Proposed Bridge & Traffic Information Website, [www.ibervillebridge.com](http://www.ibervillebridge.com).

- President Ourso wanted to keep the public informed with the proposed bridge by listing this project's history, links to current news regarding the proposed bridge, and most importantly the opportunity to view traffic near before leaving your home.
- On this new website you are now able to view six real time traffic cameras that update photos every 30 seconds. The six camera views are of the Plaquemine ferry 1, Plaquemine ferry 2, St. Gabriel ferry 1, St. Gabriel ferry 2, Hwy 1 South, Hwy 1 North.

The Chairman and the Council commended President Ourso and Mr. Dunn on a wonderful job with this new website.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Jackson, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to wave the reading of the April 18, 2017 minutes 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: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- The Maringouin Council on Aging building is preparing for its final walk through. President Ourso stated this project has been Chairman Jewell's baby and he has been finalizing its last few details.
- Coastal Bridge was the lowest bidder at \$861,000 for the Gracie Lane Bridge. The North Bridge needs the dirt removed by DOTD to allow traffic.
- The \$300,000 aqua dams are currently being stored in Abbeyville, LA. The Parish is paying \$200 for the aqua dams to be stored until the Parish's building is built to store the aqua dams. The building for the aqua dams is going out for bid.
- There is a letter from Pan American Engineers about Bayou Paul Road. FEMA denied the cost of the repair of the road. FEMA had 90 days to rethink the \$671,000 to repair the road, or deny it and the Parish will have to pay to repair it.
- The specs for the new gate structure for the Alligator Bayou Floodgates will be sent to the State of Louisiana, and then go out for bid.
- St. Gay Subdivision's roads are being rebuilt. In 2007 it was overlaid and now 10 years later the roads are being rebuilt. The contractor will then move across the river once this project is complete.
- The 10 acre site on LA 1 lease has been recorded for the Iberville Parish Fire Range. There was a miscommunication with the farmer, and beans were already planted. The Parish recently met with them to settle, and construction will begin for the fire range. There will be a pistol side and a long gun side, a children's area, a pond, and a place for activities.
- President Ourso would like to address the Semouryville School in District 6. There is asbestos in the facility, and a part of it has been torn down and abated. There is still asbestos being removed currently. The remediation should be completed by this Friday. The public has been protected during this remediation process. The Sheriff's Office has provided 24-hour security of the property. Once President Ourso gets the final report he will report back to the Council. The Parish intends to keep the gym and to renovate it for the local community. In the next year or so once the facility is cleaned up, the Parish will move forward with its future plans. The Parish has already invested over \$300,000 into this 10 acre property.
- The Courthouse HVAC project started off at \$1.6 million and now the project is up to almost \$4 million, with two more offices that still need to be done. The Sheriff's Office and the Assessor's Office are the two remaining offices. The West side of the Courthouse's parapet and crown is crumbling. President Ourso stated the Parish has spent a fortune on this Courthouse and the project went from \$1.6 million to an estimated \$5-6 million.

- There are 45 adjudicated properties, due to non-payment of taxes. They will go up for sale on June 21, 2017. The Parish has collected around \$900,000 for these properties.
- Currently, there are 6 derelict properties to be completely torn down.

President Ourso personally thanked Mr. Randall Dunn on his efforts for the new Iberville bridge website.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace is not present.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn stated the Council received their financial statements. The Finance Department is currently working on the audit. There were no questions for Mr. Dunn.

#### OLD BUSINESS

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

There was a lengthy discussion among the Council members who opposed this ordinance during the previously held Public Hearing. Legal Counsel, Scott Stassi advised that the Parish obtain the surrounding Parishes ordinances regarding RV vehicle regulations, and to hold a special meeting to discuss the changes each council member proposes to this ordinance.

An original motion was made by Councilwoman Lewis, without a second due to discussions, no action was taken.

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Dominique to table this ordinance until the next meeting. 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, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on May 16, 2017.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 98-32 Regulation Junk and Junked Vehicles in Iberville Parish
- 2) Ordinance to establish Nicholas Street located in Plaquemine, LA as a one-way street

Upon a motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, June 20, 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, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on May 16, 2017.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 6:19 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Reeves, Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Lewis.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

A) Resolution to select the Official Journal for the Iberville Parish Council for the period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018

Councilman Vallet made a recommendation to forward the resolution to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Reeves. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nay votes on roll call by Resolution Committee Members only:

YEAS: Reeves, Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2017-008**

#### **RESOLUTION TO SELECT THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

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

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 43:141 provides that a Parish Council at its first meeting in June of each year shall select a newspaper as official journal for its Parish for a term of one (1) year.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 43:142 further provides that the newspaper selected shall have been published in an office physically located in the Parish in which the governing body is located for a period of five (5) years proceeding.

WHEREAS, the Post-South newspaper is the only qualifying newspaper within the Parish of Iberville that meets the statutory criteria to be classified as the official parish journal.

WHEREAS, for the purposes of meeting the requirements of La. R.S. 43:150, the name and address, effective date of selection and the period for which the selection is effective of the official journal be filed with the Secretary of State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Iberville Parish Council as follows: "That the 'Post South' newspaper be selected as the official journal for the Iberville Parish Council for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018."

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017 by the following votes on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Reeves, and seconded by Councilwoman Lewis to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN