

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018  
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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018 in the Plaquemine Post South 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; Steve C. Smith, District 5; 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; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted. Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinances in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1** Ordinance to grant Utility Servitude for Telecommunication Line for AT&T Louisiana

**ORDINANCE 2** Sixth Ordinance to declare certain properties as Surplus and to sell to neighboring property owners pursuant to the terms of Ordinance #002-13

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 6:03 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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., Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been published on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018. 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) Town of White Castle's Mayor Youth Council- Mayor Gerald Williams
- Mayor Gerald Williams thanked the Council for this opportunity to introduce the Town of White Castle's Mayor Youth Council. Mr. Kobe Kelson, the President of the Mayor Youth Council came before the Council to speak. He stated leadership means to be ready to make a difference. This is the first Youth Council in White Castle. Katari Osborne, the Public Relations representative of the Mayor Youth Council also came before the Council to speak. The Mayor chose the members of the Youth Council, to be held at a higher standard as role models within the community. The National Mayor Youth Council convention will be March 10-15, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to go into Executive Session 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: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Lewis.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to go out of Executive Session. 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley,  
Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Legal Counsel, Scott Stassi came before the Council and stated the Executive Session was to discuss possible litigation regarding the flooding in St. Gabriel, issues with subdivisions, and changes regarding the Iberville Parish Parks and Recreation.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of January 23, 2018 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley,  
Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso stated the final phase of the parapet project is taking place, and should be completed in the next three weeks. As of today, the cost for both the Courthouse's HVAC renovations and the Parapet renovations is \$4.6 million. The Courthouse still needs a new roof.
- President Ourso is meeting with Sheriff Stassi and the medical staff tomorrow at 1:00 pm. The jail renovations were around \$1 million. They are estimating the cost for housing the inmates during the jail renovations to be \$250,000 to \$300,000. The Parish's inmates are

slowly being moved back into the Parish's jail. They will take a few inmates at time and the medical staff will do physicals on them and make sure they don't bring anything back with them from where they were previously housed.

- Rifle range has been delayed by the rain.
- The Entergy issue will be placed on the next agenda.
- There is an aerial view picture of the Alligator Bayou floodgates, where the 3 new gates will be. The contractor is doing a good job, and they estimate the project to be completed by June.
- A report from Grace & Hebert regarding the Council on Aging Building in Maringouin was presented to the Council. The weather has caused delays on its construction.
- The aqua damn facility is 90% complete.
- The Parish's Animal Control van is on its way to Virginia Beach. They are taking 20-25 animals to be adopted out to ASPCA. It's a 2 day trip and this is the Parish's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual trip.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace was not present.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the financial statements were sent out, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### OLD BUSINESS

### **ORDINANCE IPC# 002-18**

#### **ORDINANCE TO GRANT A SERVITUDE TO BELL SOUTH COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, D/B/A AT&T LOUISIANA ALONG BRUCE STREET AND CRESCENT STREET**

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council is the owner of the public road right of way on the roadways known as Bruce Street and Crescent Street, which consists of the paved roadway and adjacent land on each side of the roadways, in the area of the requested servitude by AT&T.

WHEREAS, AT&T desires to install a telecommunication line along Bruce Street and Crescent Street from La. Highway 3066 (Bayou Road) parallel to the roadway.

WHEREAS, the attached survey map illustrates the location of the proposed telecommunication line along Bruce Street and Crescent Street to be supplied by AT&T Louisiana on the Parish's Right of Way.

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 Right of Way Bruce Street and Crescent Street from La. Highway 3066 (Bayou Road ) parallel to the roadway."

The foregoing ordinance, which was previously introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council on January 23, 2018, and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018, 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 Smith, 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, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

### **ORDINANCE IPC# 003-18**

#### **SIXTH ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND TO SELL TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ORDINANCE # 002-13**

WHEREAS the Parish of Iberville has a tax interest in the properties listed below, which have been adjudicated to the Parish of Iberville for non-payment of property taxes.

WHEREAS "Property 1" listed below, has been previously declared to be surplus by Iberville Parish Council Ordinance #006-13.

WHEREAS "Property 2" listed below, should be declared surplus and sold to the adjacent property owner, pursuant to Section 14 of IPC Ordinance # 002-13.

WHEREAS the adjudicated properties listed below have been maintained for at least one year by the adjoining landowners. Section 14 of IPC Ordinance # 002-13 states: "Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance, Iberville Parish Council may, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 47:2201(2)(B), as revised by Act 511 of 2009, allow adjoining landowners of an adjudicated property which constitutes an adjudicated vacant lot to purchase the adjudicated vacant lot for any price set by Iberville Parish Council without any public bidding at a public meeting of the Iberville Parish Council provided that Iberville Parish Council determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the property for a period of one (1) year prior to the sale. Such sale shall be deemed a public sale under the provisions of this subpart."

WHEREAS contingent upon the requirements of law being met, including but not limited to, proper notice to any interested parties, advertisement in the official journal of Iberville Parish and the production of the three sworn affidavits attesting to the adjoining landowner's maintenance of the adjudicated lots, the Iberville Parish Council desires, and intends to sell the following properties:

1. Parcel ID: 8301357958  
Tax debtor: Lester Granger  
Location of property: Plaquemine St.  
Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: Matthew & Barbara Thomas  
Suggested price: \$1,000.00

Herein referred to as "Property 1"; and

2. Parcel ID: 0600754190  
Tax debtor: Adair Assets Management, LLC  
Location of property: Kirtley Dr.  
Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: Terry Allen  
Suggested price: \$1,000.00

Herein referred to as "Property 2".

BE IT ORDAINED that the properties described above are not needed for public purposes and are declared to be surplus and should be returned to commerce.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the properties described above shall be sold to the adjoining landowners listed in accordance with the terms of Ordinance # 002-13 and the Iberville Parish Adjudicated Property Program as administered by the Parish Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the adjoining landowners of the adjudicated properties may purchase the adjoining property for the price suggested above unless another price is designated by the Iberville Parish Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED should any part of this ordinance be declared null, void, invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remainder of the said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing ordinance, which was previously introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council on January 23, 2018, and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018, 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 Smith, 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, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley,  
Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS – ADDENDUM

Upon a motion by Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Smith, it was moved to go into 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance to Acquire Parcel by Acquisition/Expropriation of Land for Water Intake Structure for Water Production & Treatment Plant Located on Highway 75
- 2) Ordinance to grant an electrical line servitude to Entergy, LLC along Enterprise Boulevard from LA Highway 75 to LA Highway 3066

Upon a motion by Councilman Vallet, seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:04 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Kelley, Markins, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Lewis, Arnold, Jackson.

Councilman Arnold is now present during the Committee meeting.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution of Support for Iberville Parish ARC & to support continued funding for the ARC program in Iberville Parish
- B) Resolution appointing Brian Berthelot as Iberville Parish Member of LMGA Board of Directors and Randall Dunn as Alternate Member

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Jackson.

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

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT- DURING THE REGULAR MEETING

##### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2018-001**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL TO NOTIFY THE PARISH'S LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS TO FUND THE MEDICAID SERVICES IN THE STATE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**



The following resolution was offered by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Arnold.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville, through its Parish President and Parish Council, has learned that the Governor's proposed State of Louisiana Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 would drastically reduce the Medicaid services to the people in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Iberville; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville, through its Parish President and Parish Council, has learned that the proposed State of Louisiana Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 would eliminate and/or substantially reduce the Children's Choice and Support Waivers, Long Term Personal Care Services, Pediatric Day Health Care Centers, Independent Living in the New Opportunities Waiver, Medicaid Long Term Care Services, ICF/DD resident home and community waivers, and Behavioral Health and Addictive Disorder Services; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville, through its Parish President and Parish Council, has learned that the proposed State of Louisiana Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 will be severely detrimental to The Arc Iberville, which provides the services set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville, through its Parish President and Parish Council, hereby authorize and empower the Honorable Parish President, J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., to write and notify the Parish's Legislative delegation and Governor John Bel Edwards, urging, pleading and beseeching that funding for those services set forth above be a paramount priority and funding be found to allow these vital, essential and fundamental services be continued.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Parish of Iberville, through its Parish President and Parish Council, hereby adopt the above resolution on the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Lewis, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2018-002**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR  
AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE IBERVILLE  
PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS  
PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY  
CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF  
1950**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Arnold.

WHEREAS, the IBERVILLE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the IBERVILLE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Brian Berthelot to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve the appointment of Randall Dunn to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director herein above named;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of the IBERVILLE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Brian Berthelot to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of Randall Dunn to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Lewis, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Markins to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN