

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, JULY 24, 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 24th day of July, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 19th day of July, 2018 in the Plaquemine Post South and the 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 published. 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 adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2018

The floor was opened to comments and questions. Chairman Jewell asked if there were any increases, and Mr. Songy stated there were no increases. There was no opposition to this ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2 Ordinance to declare the following property to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator to sell property to Matthew & Barbara Thomas at private sale

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

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018**

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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 19th day of July, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. A moment of silence was held for Mrs. Shirley Dominique Cobb, the sister of Councilman Thomas Dominique, Sr.

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) Proclamation recognizing Plaquemine Bank & Trust's 50th Anniversary
- President Ourso read aloud a proclamation in honor of Plaquemine Bank & Trust's 50th Anniversary.
 - Plaquemine Bank & Trust President and CEO, Mr. Steve Panepinto accepted the proclamation. He introduced the Board of Directors and the Bank Officers and thanked them for their years of service and dedication.
- B) Presentation by Access Health Louisiana
- This agenda item was passed on.
- C) Audit Presentation by Baxley & Associates- Ms. Margaret Pritchard
- Ms. Margaret Pritchard, representing Hugh Baxley and Associates, LLC. presented the 2016 Iberville Parish Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
 - Ms. Pritchard began summarizing page 17 of the audit report which is the statement of net position. Total assets for the year were \$196,500,344 which increased \$12.2 million over the year. Total liabilities were \$29,070,578 with an increase of \$260,000 over the year. The total net position was \$169,916,672 with an increase of \$11 million for the year.
 - Ms. Pritchard also summarized page 18 of the audit report which is the statement of activities page. Total governmental expenses were \$37,801,243 with an increase of \$1.6 million over the previous year. Total business type activities were \$5,867,747 which were expenses for the Utility Department, with an increase of \$917,000. The next column is the total for charges of services which were \$3,135,548 million, which increased \$194,000 over the year. The total for charges of services for the Utility Department was \$5,446,497 million with an increase of \$833,000. There was a \$1.3 million decrease in operating and capital grants. General revenues were \$35,813,855 with a \$2.3 million decrease from the previous year. The net income for the year was \$11,088,312.
 - There was only 1 audit finding for the year. Page 140 summarizes the finding.
 - The Agreed-Upon Procedures section is a new requirement per the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and those procedures begin on page 143. Ms. Pritchard summarized the findings.
 - The audit regulations are 32 now and are going down to 22 or 24 regulations for next year.
 - Chairman Jewell stated last year the Council adopted a comprehensive travel policy including meal reimbursement limits which is the first in its history to be done. He commended the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Vallet, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of June 19, 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, 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:

- President Ourso stated the audit shows the Parish went over the 5% allotment for the roads, drainage, and solid waste. He calls it the supply and demand; when the residents ask for these improvements, the Parish provides it.
- Manchac Road is finally complete and the Alligator Bayou Floodgates will be open at 8 am tomorrow morning. EOC will perform a ring down to let the residents know it is now open.
- The water intake at Jack Millers is being compromised with low water at the Intracoastal. The Intracoastal is at its lowest point and the Parish is digging out the intake to get the water to the water line. Corps of Engineers at the Port Allen Lock were asked to open the locks to allow the Mississippi River to flow into the Intracoastal. It will take at least a day to see the water rise. Right now everything is operating, but it's a costly expense for the barge and keeping the intake open for water flow.
- On Thursday, July 26, 2018 the contractor will begin putting the roof onto the third floor of the Courthouse.
- The final phase of the courthouse projects will include a parking lot extension that will cost around \$250,000. President Ourso wants cooperation with the elected officials and their employees to allow the public premium parking spots.
- SPP III, (Shintech Plaquemine Plant III) is currently being constructed. They have begun the site work for SPP III, and they are completing SPP II.
- The Maringouin Council on Aging is still expected to be complete by the end of the year.
- Pictures of the drainage project on Tenant Road that went over the 5% were presented to the Council. President Ourso stated the contractor did a beautiful job on the ditch.
- Enterprise Boulevard South which is the small concrete portion from the Parish Jail to the Belleview Road, will have a bike path along that section.
- Exxon Mobil's pipelines run across Enterprise Boulevard North, which is from Bayou Jacob Road to Hwy 1148 (Choctaw). There is a crude oil pipeline underneath the road that has damage, and Exxon Mobil wants to repair the pipeline. On August 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., the road will be shutdown to vehicular traffic, from Hwy 1148 to John Britton, the Parish's burn site. They will begin work on August 6, 2018 and are granted 2 weeks to repair it. The road will be compact with fill material once they are finished, and the Parish will have to put the layaway over it. The Parish will perform a ring down on August 2, 2018 letting the residents know about the road closure. If there is an emergency they will use the old evacuation route.
- Pictures of the rifle range's progress were presented to the Council. The cement has been poured and the grass is growing. The facility does have water now. They are waiting on Entergy for the electricity, which will hopefully be done in August.
- President Ourso issued a permit to Walgreens. The shopping center across from Popeye's will be demolished. The donut shop did not want to move out of the shopping center even though their lease expires in January of 2019. The owner had demands that Walgreens could not agree to, so they will remain there until January, and then he will move to the old Chicken Shack building.
- The former Jack in the Box building has been purchased by Wendy's for \$750,000.
- The old shopping center behind Goodyear needs to be condemned. Industries do not want to invest in our community because of these blighted areas.
- The garbage contracts are four year terms. Ms. Mann and Ms. Swacker with Republic Waste Services, Inc. have met with President Ourso and have had many opportunities to improve their brush truck / boom truck pick up. The Parish has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars with our own boom truck and prisoner workers. President Ourso sent a certified letter to Ms. Mann and Ms. Swacker, with Republic, stating the Parish wants to do away with their service at the end of the contract. He wants a new contractor in place by August 31, 2018. President Ourso wants to sign a new contract with Pelican Waste, LLC who is promising two boom trucks and one rear loader. They replied to his certified letter stating they are giving this to their legal advisors. President Ourso is asking the Council by vote to allow him to sign a contract with Pelican Waste to start on August 31,

2018 for boom truck pick up. The Parish Administration want to separate the garbage pick up contract from the boom truck pick up contract.

Councilman Dominique thanked President Ourso for the beautiful work done on the Tenant Road drainage project.

Councilman Vallet asked CAO, Edward Songy if it is legal to enter into the contract with Pelican Waste, and Mr. Songy stated yes as long as they are given 30 days' notice.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN A
CONTRACT WITH PELICAN WASTE**

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Smith, it was moved to authorize the Parish President to cancel the portion of the solid waste contract related to the "boom truck" service currently with Republic Waste Services, Inc. and to negotiate a new contract specifically for "boom truck" service with Pelican Waste, LLC to the end of December 2019 in the best interest of the Parish. 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, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on July 24, 2018.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace was not present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn asked the Council if they had any questions regarding the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Councilman Smith asked if this report is comparable to previous years, and Mr. Dunn stated this year is the first year of the "Agreed upon Procedures." The overage of 5% for certain projects happens from time to time due to the project beginning at the end of the year after the budget has been adopted. The new auditor's policy and procedures has improved the Finance Department and they have adopted a new procedures manual.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 009-18

**ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana, in an open meeting held on July 24, 2018 and conducted in accordance with the open meetings law, the provisions of Article VII, Section 23(B) and (C) of the 1974 Constitution and LSA-R.S. 47:1705(b)(1) and (2) that the following millage rates be and hereby are levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within Iberville Parish for the year 2018 for the purpose of raising revenues and appropriating to the respective funds:

| | <u>MILLAGE</u> |
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| General Alimony (LLA MN 1042007) | 2.49 mills |
| General Alimony within the City of Plaquemine, City of St. Gabriel, Town of White Castle, and the | 1.24 mills |

Town of Maringouin (Exempted
Municipalities per Article 6, Section
26 (C) or (D) of the 1974 Constitution
of the State of Louisiana.) (LLA MN 1042008)

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| Fire District No. 2 (LLA MN 1042020) | 6.78 mills |
| Public Building Maintenance (LLA MN 1042036) | 3.00 mills |
| Parish Wide Drainage (LLA MN 1042012) | 5.00 mills |
| Library Maintenance Fund (LLA MN 1042011) | 4.00 mills |
| Fire District No. 1 (LLA MN 1042021) | 3.95 mills |

SECTION 2. Be It Further Ordained by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana that the method of collections of said taxes, the time of its delinquency, penalties and other matters relating thereto, shall be as now provided by the law for the collection of State Taxes.

SECTION 3. Be it Further Ordained by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance herewith be and the same hereby are specifically repealed.

SECTION 4. Be It Further Ordained that the Assessor of the Parish of Iberville shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2018 taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of Iberville Parish shall collect and remit the same to the Iberville Parish Council in accordance with law.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on June 19, 2018 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on July 19, 2018, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 24th day of July, 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 Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, 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, Smith, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 24th day of July, 2018.

ORDINANCE IPC# 010-18

ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR TO SELL PROPERTY TO MATTHEW & BARBARA THOMAS AT PRIVATE SALE

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

WHEREAS the properties described below are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus and sold at public sale and/or full ownership acquired by the Iberville Parish Council pursuant to the terms of Ordinance #002-13 and the Iberville Parish Adjudicated Properties Program administered by the Parish Administrator.

WHEREAS the following properties have been adjudicated to the Iberville Parish Council for non-payment of taxes and remain in tax adjudicated status:

WHEREAS the adjudicated property listed herein has been maintained for at least one year by an adjoining landowner. 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 # 8301357958

Tax debtor: Lester Granger

Location of property: Plaquemine Street

Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: Matthew & Barbara Thomas

Suggested price: \$1,300.00

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the property described above shall be sold to the adjoining landowner 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 landowner of the adjudicated property 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.

This ordinance shall become effective on this the 24th day of July, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 24th day of July, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1) None.

B) Form a Parks & Recreation Committee served by all Iberville Parish Council members

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Lewis, and seconded by Councilman Ourso, it was moved to form a Parks & Recreation Committee served by all Iberville Parish Council members and to call a Special Meeting for Monday, July 30, 2018 to recommend an applicant for the future IPRD Director position, to the Parish Administration. 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, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORT

- A) Appointment of Brad Guerin to the Iberville Parish Planning Commission
- This agenda item was passed on due to a conflict of interest.

ADDENDUM

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

- A) Consideration of a variance for Kenneth Hernandez (Planning Commission)

Mr. Court Bradford, representing John Dunlap Land Surveying, Inc., came before the Council summarizing the variance request for Kenneth Hernandez.

MOTION TO GRANT VARIANCE FOR KENNETH HERNANDEZ

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Vallet, it was motioned to grant a variance for Kenneth Hernandez with the following conditions. As the lot size of the plat for Kenneth Hernandez is greater than 22,500 square feet and have a frontage of 125 feet or greater, the lots shall be approved for single family residential use and the method of sewage disposal may be by individual sewer system as approved by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. The plat map shall be resubmitted to the Planning Commission for further consideration of drainage, utilities and restrictive covenants, if any, to be proposed by the developer.

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, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 24th day of July, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by the Council to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN