

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 16th day of October, 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.

Absent: Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; 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 on the 11th day of October, 2018. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. Mr. Isaac Jackson, Jr. registered to speak. He spoke during the Resolution Committee Meeting.

ADDENDUM

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

- A) Ordinance to Amend Ordinance Number 98-32 and Ordinance IPC#008-17 to provide for regulating and storing or abandoning of trash, debris, junk, wrecked or used vehicles or any part(s) thereof, discarded machinery or other metal, tin, on any vacant lot or any portion of any occupied lot within the Unincorporated Areas of Iberville Parish

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to add the following item 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Vallet.

NAYS: Kelley.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The motion failed. Addendum items must receive a unanimous vote to be added onto the agenda.

B) Resolution regarding a Lease Purchase Financing for Electronic Meters for the Utility Department

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to add the following item 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman to add this agenda item.

C) Presentation of "Together Tuesday" by the Iberville Parish School Board, Chief Academic Officer, Jeff Powell

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to add the following item 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, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman to add this agenda item.

Iberville Parish School Board Superintendent, Arthur Joffrion, Jr., Ed. D. came before the Council to speak. The Iberville Parish School System promises to invigorate our community by serving each student through innovative practices that inspire them to graduate prepared for their chosen future. The school system's four goals are: effective implementation of high quality curriculum, effective implementation of student data driven clusters, effective implementation of multi-tiered Systems of Support, and to increase stakeholder engagement.

Chief Academic Officer, Jeff Powell was introduced to come up and speak. He stated this year the school system has begun implementing “Together Tuesdays”, in which community leaders greet students as they arrive on campus, join classes for lunch to talk to the students, and see students off in the afternoons as they are leaving to go home. The community leaders offer smiles, handshakes, high-fives, and encouraging words to the students. So far there have been 91 participants. A list of future dates were provided in the handouts. They encourage as many community leaders to participate as possible.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Proclamation for 2018 Evangeline Queen- Miss Grace Sanchez

- Chairman Jewell read aloud a proclamation, proclaiming the weekend of October 19-21, 2018 as the 50th International Acadian Festival Weekend in Iberville Parish.
- President Ourso presented Miss Grace Sanchez a frame honoring her as the Honorary Parish President.
- Evangeline Queen Grace Sanchez came before the Council to express her gratitude for the opportunity of being chosen as Evangeline. She thanked the Council and the Parish President for this honor.
- President Ourso and Chairman Jewell presented Miss Grace Sanchez with the framed proclamations.
- Pictures were taken for the newspaper.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Smith, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of September 18, 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Ourso introduced Representative Chad Brown to come before the Council to speak. Representative Chad Brown stated the State Legislature did not receive good news about the condition of the Sunshine Bridge. The crane severely damaged the loading beams and shifted a concrete pad. The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) cannot get onto the bridge to survey the damage, so all damage is being reviewed from underneath. If the material to repair the bridge can be located locally it will take months to repair it. Honorable Brown requested temporary relief through DOTD’s ferry services. They discussed potentially opening the former ferry sites, but they may not be able to get the expedited permits to reopen the sites

from the Corp of Engineers. There are ferries that are docked in Bayou Plaquemine, but one is being repaired for another ferry site, and the other two ferries are so old they have been gutted and can no longer get parts for them. He said they reached out to Governor John Bel Edwards and he stated he would help with alternative options. There are no easy fixes for this hard situation.

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso called on Mr. Brian Willis with Pelican Waste to come forward. Mr. Willis stated the boom truck is picking up about nine tons a day. They are working ten hours a day from Monday through Friday, and re-run the routes every single day. Councilman Jackson and the entire Council thanked Mr. Willis and President Ourso.
- President Ourso called on Mr. Dwayne Boudreaux, the future IPRD Director to come forward. Mr. Boudreaux has been working for the Parish for 60 days now and gave an update on the progress that has been made with Parks and Recreation. IPRD Director, Mr. Mike Markins has been working on the program created by the Duplantis Group for the upgrades before he retires in March of 2019. The Civic Center playground has been remodeled as well as the pavilion. They are in the process of designing a new Parks and Recreation logo and website. New programs will also be launched on the new website next year. Parents have requested online registration and payments, and that will be included on the new website. The new website will help improve communication by sending out emails and texts to all of the parents signed up for the programs. Mr. Boudreaux said they have been working closely with the School Board staff in an effort to build a partnership and provide recreational programs for the 5,000 students that are in public schools. The principals and P.E. teachers are letting him know what the students are asking for. He said they are planning to have a Soccer program here in the Parish by next fall. They also really want to tap into the resources of the Atchafalaya River through a kayaking or canoeing program. Councilman Smith suggested looking into upgrading the Parks and Recreation's facilities to accommodate sports tournaments here in Iberville Parish. Chairman Jewell spoke to a major conservator who has plans for LSU biology education courses here in Iberville Parish. Councilman Arnold asked about the Gum Street park's restroom not being fixed yet. Mr. Boudreaux said some of the restrooms are part of the Duplantis Group program upgrades, and he will check on it for him.
- President Ourso stated Mr. Dwayne Boudreaux and Mr. Mike Markins have been going through the Parish and meeting with the Mayors to discuss who is responsible for maintaining the parks.
- A field observation report from Forte & Tablada for the sidewalk program / bike path along Enterprise Boulevard was presented to the Council.
- The Myrtle Grove Development is currently under Phase 1 of construction along Enterprise Boulevard.
- The roof project on the Courthouse is wrapping up within the next 30 days. There was a roof leak on the third floor that ruined some equipment in the District Attorney's Office and the contractor will take care of it.
- The new parking lot behind the Courthouse is under construction and should be complete within the next 45 days.
- The 10th Annual Swamp Life Expo in Grosse Tete was a huge success this year.

- The inclement weather has created heavy delays for 3 or 4 Parish projects including the rifle range, the Maringouin Council on Aging facility, the Bayou Sorrel / Bayou Pigeon Fire Department, roadway projects, etc. These projects are now continuing into next year and the 2019 budget.
- The Alligator Floodgate project is 99% complete. They are currently waiting on Eatel to hook up the camera system for the boat ramp.
- The Parish is reclaiming the eroded land along the intercostal waterway of the acquired Cardinal and Bezet properties to create a bulkhead to protect the Parish's intake line.
- The Annual Veterans Day Ceremony is Monday, November 12, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.
- In 2019, President Ourso wants to expand the Veteran's Memorial. He wants to move the Veteran wall on the first floor of the Courthouse out to the Veterans Memorial site to allow it to be viewed publically at all times. He is also looking into requesting a pedestal mounted Huey UH1 Helicopter to commemorate the Vietnam War.
- There is a 150 foot American flag in Winnsborough, LA. President Ourso would like to implement a 150 foot American flag at the Oschner Medical Facility.
- President Ourso is still waiting on clear liens from the property owners' attorneys for the White Castle Council on Aging facility.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace was not present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the proposed 2019 budget has been presented to the Council. The budget ordinance is being introduced tonight to be set for a public hearing next month. Mr. Dunn wanted to clarify that the financing of the lease purchase finance contract for the Utility Department's water meter reading system is \$570,000, and they will use \$400,000 of available cash so the total project is \$970,000. Financial statements were sent out, and Mr. Dunn asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #006-16 Ordinance establishing the Bureau of Administrative Adjudication and Position of Administrative Hearing Officer
- 2) Ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2019 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget and the Amended 2018 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for the Iberville Parish Council

Upon a motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Jackson, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, November 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 yeas and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16th day of October, 2018.

B) Trick or Treat Schedule for 2018

MOTION FOR 2018 TRICK OR TREAT HOURS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IBERVILLE PARISH

Upon a motion by Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Taylor, it was moved to adopt the 2018 Trick or Treat Schedule for the East & West Banks' Unincorporated Areas of the Parish for Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on October 16, 2018.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:08 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Dominique.

Absent: Lewis, Jackson, Morgan.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. Mr. Isaac Jackson, Jr. registered to speak.

Mr. Isaac Jackson came before the Council requesting the adoption of an emergency resolution to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requesting and urging them to provide 24 hour ferry services for the Plaquemine Ferry while the Sunshine Bridge is being repaired.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution to Authorize Parish President to Submit Application to Louisiana Department of Health for Mosquito Abatement Grant Program
- B) ADDENDUM- Resolution regarding a Lease Purchase Financing for Electronic Meters for the Utility Department
- C) ADDENDUM- Resolution requesting Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development to increase ferry operations for Plaquemine Ferry service during repairs of Sunshine Bridge

Councilman Vallet made a recommendation to forward all resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Kelley. 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, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Jackson, Morgan.

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# 2018-017

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR A MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE GRANT PROGRAM

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Taylor.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health has announced that funding has been obtained from the federal Center for Disease Control to provide grants to local Parishes and Municipalities to implement comprehensive mosquito surveillance and control programs to target mosquito control efforts that keep residents safe from a host of mosquito borne diseases such as West Nile Virus, Zika, and Encephalitis.

WHEREAS, a mosquito surveillance program will assist Iberville Parish in identifying mosquito species present in the areas of the Parish, monitor changes in mosquito populations and detect mosquito-borne diseases, all of which help provide more effectively which mosquito control

measures should be taken to assist in targeting spraying and other efforts for reducing mosquito populations.

WHEREAS, the Parish shall operate its mosquito control and surveillance program for a minimum of five (5) years under the direction of a staff member certified by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry as an 8(d) licensed mosquito control supervisor.

WHEREAS, any grant funds received from the Louisiana Department of Health will be utilized for equipment and supplies to keep disease carrying mosquitoes under control to protect the Parish's citizens, and all expenditures shall be approved by the Health Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council as follows:
"That Parish President, J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., be and is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Louisiana Department of Health for a mosquito abatement and control grant and to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Department for the funding to provide for enhanced mosquito surveillance and control efforts in Iberville Parish."

The above resolution was approved in regular session this 16th day of October, 2018 by the following vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16th day of October, 2018.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2018-018

RESOLUTION REGARDING A LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN ADVANCE WATER METER READING SYSTEM

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Taylor.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council (the "Issuer") desires to enter into that certain Lease Purchase Finance Contract by and between the Issuer and Government Capital Corporation ("GCC") for the purpose of financing the acquisition of an advanced water meter reading system. The Parish desires to designate this Lease Purchase Finance Contract as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" of the Parish for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL:

Section 1. That the Parish will enter into a Lease Purchase Finance Contract with GCC for the purpose of financing an advanced water meter reading system.

Section 2. That the Lease Purchase Finance Contract by and between the Iberville Parish Council and GCC is designated by the Parish as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 3. That the Parish will designate J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Board President as an authorized signer of the Lease Purchase Finance Contract by and between the Iberville Parish Council and GCC.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 16th day of October, 2018, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16th day of October, 2018.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2018-019

RESOLUTION REQUESTING LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT TO INCREASE FERRY OPERATIONS FOR PLAQUEMINE FERRY SERVICE DURING REPAIRS OF SUNSHINE BRIDGE

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Taylor.

WHEREAS, the Sunshine Bridge has been severely damaged and the estimated time for repairs to the Bridge has been estimated to be several months.

WHEREAS, the Plaquemine Ferry Service is an integral transportation route for residents of Iberville Parish, which is divided by the Mississippi River. Iberville Parish residents depend on the Plaquemine Ferry Service daily to conduct business, personal matters and Parish governmental matters. The increased ferry traffic due to the closure of the Sunshine Bridge has burdened Iberville Parish residents in their efforts to cross the Mississippi River via the Plaquemine Ferry Service.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council respectfully requests that the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development provide increased service for the Plaquemine Ferry operations to accommodate the needs of Iberville Parish residents, including twenty-four hour service during the time the Sunshine Bridge is closed for repairs or in the alternative extended hours during the morning and evening hours to accommodate Iberville residents needing to conduct business on either side of the Mississippi River.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council respectfully requests that this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development and the Parish's State Legislative Delegation.

The above resolution was approved in regular session this 16th day of October, 2018 by the following vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 16th day of October, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Bradford to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN