

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019  
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 August, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2019 in the Plaquemine Post South and the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Warren Taylor, District 1; Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith 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: Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Terry J. Bradford, District 9.

Councilman Dominique is now present.

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 to amend Article 5, Section B (1) and (2) of Ordinance Number 010-13 pertaining to flood damage prevention in the unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish, Louisiana

The floor was opened to comments and questions. Chairman Jewell stated Councilman Kelley met with the Parish Administration and engineers to change the wording and elevation height within this proposed ordinance. Councilman Jackson stated the public may not like this ordinance but over time they will appreciate it because they will not have to worry about flooding in the future. Councilman Dominique asked if someone's house caught on fire would they have to raise the cement slab before rebuilding. Mr. Songy stated yes, it would be a substantial improvement and the slab would have to be elevated in compliance with this ordinance. There was no opposition to this ordinance from the public.

**ORDINANCE 2** Ordinance to provide for Overweight/Oversize Load Transport Permit(s) on Parish roadways and temporary use of C.M. (Mike) Zito Center for offloading/storage of overweight/oversize vessels

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

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, AUGUST 20, 2019**

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 August, 2019.

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 posted on the Council Meeting Room door and the Iberville Parish website on August 14, 2019. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

A moment of silence was held for Mr. Randolph Siplin, the late husband of Mrs. Charlene Siplin, Iberville Parish Human Resources Director.

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) Selah Productions, Inc. – Ms. Andrea Hollins
- Ms. Andrea Hollins was not present at this time. This agenda item was passed on until later in the meeting once Ms. Hollins is present.
- B) 2020 Census Presentation by US Census Bureau Partnership Specialist- Mr. Bruce Boyea
- Mr. Bruce Boyea presented a slide show regarding the upcoming 2020 Census.
  - Below are important points Mr. Boyea wants the public to know regarding the U.S. Census:
    - The census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790, as required by the U.S. Constitution. Article I, Section 2.

- The census is constitutionally mandated for re-apportionment of Congress. Census results are used for Redistricting at national, state, and local levels.
- \$675 Billion a year will be distributed to state and local governments using Census numbers. Billions of federal dollars is allocated each year for programs and services based on Census-derived data.
- Tribal, state and local governments work together with partners in their communities to form Complete Count Committees (CCCs) to promote the 2020 Census to their constituents. Community-based organizations also establish CCCs that reach out to their constituents. The 2020 Goal is to achieve at least 10,000 CCCs and to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.
- Census data can be used in many ways such as- forecasting future transportation needs, determining areas eligible for housing assistance, and designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, and children.
- This will be the first census that will be done electronically. Under Title 13, U.S. Code, all Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent data.
- A pin code and mailer packet will be given out to each household with instructions on how to complete the census online.
- The census deadline is April 1, 2020.
- Chairman Jewell asked about final numbers for Reapportionment purposes. Mr. Boyea stated the actual numbers will be reported at the end of 2020 and released in January 2021.
- They are currently hiring and the website to apply is <https://2020census.gov/jobs> or contact the toll free number 1-855-562-2020 for more information.

Chairman Jewell would like to go back to Presentation Item A. He called on Ms. Andrea Hollins who is now present to come before the Council to speak.

A) Selah Productions, Inc. – Ms. Andrea Hollins

- Chief Operator of Selah Productions, Inc., Ms. Andrea Hollins read aloud a list of donations made by local elected officials to Selah Productions, Inc. and thanked them for their contributions.
- She stated she is here tonight to present JaVon Ophelia’s ACT, a mentorship program provided through the performing arts. They will hold a one day training workshop in Iberville Parish. Flyers will be sent to local students through their school with more information on the workshop.
- Councilman Smith asked how long has Selah Productions been in existence and how many students participate each year. Ms. Hollins stated six years, and they have 90 students a term in East Baton Rouge Parish. They are not currently in Iberville Parish, but would like to begin hosting workshops for students here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of July 23, 2019 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 he is proud of Iberville's American flag. WAFB did fill out a public records request for the flag's information, and they received everything they requested. He thanked Mr. Fry Hymel for hosting the flag raising ceremony, he also thanked the public for their attendance.
- President Ourso congratulated the unopposed Council members.
- The Audit presentation was given during the last Council meeting. President Ourso stated by the end of 1997 the net worth of Iberville Parish was \$59 million and the total assets were \$70 million. Today in 2019, the total net worth of Iberville Parish is \$185 million, and the total assets is \$220 million. This is something the Parish should be proud of that has been accomplished over the last 21 years of this administration.
- The Soft Opening Ceremony for the Iberville Parish Rifle Range will be Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., and the official opening day to the public will be Wednesday September 11, 2019.
- The parish is currently working on the new garbage contract. It will go out for bid soon. The current garbage contract expires in December 2019 with Republic.
- The Myrtle Grove Subdivision project will begin construction by the end of September. There will be 76 homes in the subdivision, starting in the \$230,000 price range.
- Every year in January the Parish inventories its roads and their conditions. Between 2018 and 2019 the parish has expended over \$3 million on road improvement projects.
- The 2020 budget will be presented in October and President Ourso is requesting to put in over \$500,000 for security in this courthouse. He met with an architect and plans to have one main entrance into and out of the courthouse for protection.
- There will be a meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at the Council on Aging facility in Maringouin. The project is behind schedule and should be complete in the next 30 days.
- President Ourso stated he was approached to provide prepaid natural gas to one of the chemical companies here in the Parish. He asked the Council to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated he has nothing to report at this time. The Finance Department is currently working on the budget.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE IPC# 011-19**

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, SECTION B (1) AND (2) OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 010-13 PERTAINING TO FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section B (1) and (2) currently provides as follows:

**“SECTION B. SPECIFIC STANDARDS**

*In all areas of special flood hazards where base flood elevation data has been provided as set forth in (i) Article 3, Section B, (ii) Article 4, Section B (8), or (iii) Article 5, Section C (3), the following provisions are required:*

- (1) Residential Construction – new construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor (including basement), elevated to or above the base flood elevation. A registered professional engineer, architect, or land surveyor shall submit a certification to the Floodplain Administrator that the standard of this subsection as proposed in Article 4, Section C (1) a, is satisfied.*
- (2) Nonresidential Construction – new construction and substantial improvements of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall either have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood level or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the base flood level the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy. A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop and/or review structure design, specifications, and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice as outlined in this subsection. A record of such certification, which includes the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which such structures are flood proofed shall be maintained by the Floodplain Administrator.*

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section B (1) and (2) shall be amended as follows to provide for increased protection of property in the unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish;

## ARTICLE 5

### SECTION B. SPECIFIC STANDARDS

“In all areas either inside or outside of special flood hazards as set forth in (i) Article 3, Section B, (ii) Article 4, Section B(8), or (iii) Article 5, Section C (3), the following provisions are required:

#### (1) Residential Construction

- (a) For new residential construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure located in a special flood hazard area, the minimum elevation requirements shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated one foot or above the base flood elevation.
- (b) For new residential construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure not located in a special flood hazard area, the minimum elevation requirements shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated one foot above the highest natural ground elevation of the building footprint, or one foot above the nearest base flood elevation within a one half mile radius; whichever higher.

#### (2) Nonresidential Construction

- (a) For new construction and substantial improvements of any commercial, industrial, or other nonresidential structure located in a special flood hazard area, the minimum elevation requirements shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated one foot or above the base flood elevation or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the base flood level structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic loads and effect of buoyance. A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop and/or review structural design, specifications, and plans for the construction, and shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practices as outlined in this subsection. A record of such certification which includes the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which such structures are flood proofed shall be maintained by the Floodplain Administrator.
- (b) For new construction and substantial improvements of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure not located in a special flood hazard area, the minimum elevation requirements shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated one foot above the highest adjacent natural ground elevation of the building footprint, or one foot above the nearest base flood elevation within a one-half mile radius; whichever higher.”

WHEREAS, in order to better protect residential and nonresidential structures from the effects of flooding in the unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish, Article 5, Section B. Specific Standards, (1) Residential Construction and (2) Nonresidential Construction of Iberville Parish Ordinance Number 010-13 is hereby amended as noted above in the underlined language.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on July 23, 2019 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on August 1, 2019 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, 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, 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 August, 2019.

#### **ORDINANCE IPC# 012-19**

#### **ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR OVERWEIGHT/OVERSIZE LOAD TRANSPORT PERMIT(S) ON PARISH ROADWAYS AND TEMPORARY USE OF C.M. (MIKE) ZITO CENTER FOR OFFLOADING/STORAGE OF OVERWEIGHT/OVERSIZE VESSELS**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Iberville Parish Council to develop an oversize and/or overweight load permit to protect the integrity of Parish roadways/bridges and infrastructure along the transportation route. It is the policy of the Iberville Parish Council to give utmost consideration to the safety and convenience of the general motoring public, residents and roadways of the Parish system. The Parish will strive to protect the public from hazards and unnecessary inconvenience and to protect its public roadways.

WHEREAS, an overweight/oversize load shall apply when the vehicle and/or load meets or exceeds any one of the following:

- 1) Width: ***TEN (10) FEET SIX (6) INCHES***
- 2) Length: ***SIXTY FIVE (65) FEET***
- 3) Height: ***THIRTEEN (13) FEET SIX (6) INCHES***
- 4) Weight: ***EIGHTY THOUSAND (80,000) POUNDS***

WHEREAS, all applicants seeking a Parish overweight/oversize load transport permit shall complete an application to the Iberville Parish Council and deliver the application and all attachments and requested information to:  
Office of Parish President, Iberville Parish Council, 23405 Church Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70765. The required application for permit is attached to this ordinance and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, all travel with overweight/oversize loads shall be restricted to daylight hours only and on roadways where traffic is heavy during certain hours, it may be necessary to further restrict the movement to certain hours of the day or to certain days of the week. Travel of overweight/oversize loads may be restricted during times of severe inclement weather or during the “school year” if such transport would interfere with the intake and release of students on the move date.

**WHEREAS, the applicant (transporter) shall certify to the Iberville Parish Council that any transport of an overweight/oversize load shall not interrupt any utility service, including, electrical service, telecommunication service, water/gas service to the residents and business entities located along the approved transportation route. Under no circumstance shall electrical service to residential areas or businesses be temporarily shut off due to a move associated with an overweight/oversize vessel or equipment.**

WHEREAS, all applicants seeking a special use permit for the temporary use of the C.M. (Mike) Zito Center for temporary storage of any vessel or equipment shall complete the special use application & rental agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, the Parish President shall designate a professional engineer to review each application for overweight/oversize transport(s) submitted by any applicant and applicant shall provide the engineer with all necessary and requested information he/she deems necessary prior to issuance of any Overweight/oversize transport(s) permit.

WHEREAS, all required insurance and bonds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) necessary for the issuance of an Overweight/oversize load transport(s) shall be issued in favor of the Iberville Parish Council, Office of Parish President, P.O. Box 389, Plaquemine, LA 70765, and shall be received prior to the issuance of any permit.

WHEREAS, the permittee of the overweight/oversize load shall pay for the following Parish costs related to a permit, including but not restricted to the following:

- 1) The permit issuance fee as stated on Exhibit “A” attached to this ordinance and incorporated by reference.
- 2) All engineering fees, inspection fees, and testing fees associated with Parish roads/bridges that will be utilized for the transport of the overweight/oversize haul
- 3) Repairing or restoring the parish road(s) and all damages to any appurtenant structure, including utilities, as they were before permittee’s travel

- 4) Replacement or repair to any traffic signal, sign or device damages during the travel
- 5) Removing or remedying any hazardous condition created by the transport while traveling along a parish roadway or parish bridge.

WHEREAS, this ordinance was adopted as an emergency ordinance to take effect in accordance with the Home Rule Charter on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2019, and further be subject to a public hearing held on August 20, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on July 23, 2019 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on August 1, 2019 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, 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, 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 August, 2019.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

1) Ordinance to declare the certain properties as surplus and to sell to neighboring property owners pursuant to the terms of Ordinance # 002-13

2) Seventh Ordinance to declare the following properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator to sell the Parish of Iberville's interest in these properties at public sale pursuant to the terms of Ordinance # 002-13

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Smith, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 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 on August 20, 2019.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:12 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Lewis.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution in support of the 2020 United States Census
- B) Resolution authorizing Parish President to negotiate contract for purchase and sale of natural gas between Iberville Parish and Westlake Chemical Co.

Councilman Kelley made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Markins. 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, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Lewis.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

#### **RESOLUTION IPC #2019-009**

#### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2020 UNITED STATES CENSUS**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Bradford.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America requires that a census be taken every 10 years, with the first census having taken place in 1790, and the next census to take place in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish is committed to ensuring that every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for the accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, parish and city Governments, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

WHEREAS, Parish President J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr. has appointed a Complete Count Committee and has designated a Chairperson and Liaison to work with the community and the US Census Bureau to ensure a complete and accurate count of all persons within Iberville Parish, Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberville Parish Council supports the goals and ideals of the 2020 Census, pledges support of the US Census Bureau and Iberville Parish Administration efforts to disseminate 2020 Census information, and encourage all people in Iberville Parish to participate in events and initiatives that will raise awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation among populations.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019 by the following votes on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- B) Resolution authorizing Parish President to negotiate contract for purchase and sale of natural gas between Iberville Parish and Westlake Chemical Co.

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss possible litigation regarding Resolution B. 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 Smith, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to go out of Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. 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 IPC #2019-010**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARISH PRESIDENT TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF PROPOSED NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENTS FOR PURCHASES AND SALES OF NATURAL GAS TO INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES WITHIN IBERVILLE PARISH, TO ENGAGE SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL TO ASSIST IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Dominique, and seconded by Councilman Jackson.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberville (the "Parish") operates a natural gas supply utility, which sells and distributes natural gas to residential, commercial and industrial customers within Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to participate in a natural gas prepayment program which will allow for the purchase and sale of substantial volumes of natural gas at favorable pricing, for supply to qualifying customers within the service area of the Parish; and

WHEREAS, certain industrial facilities, located within Iberville Parish, have an interest in the Parish supplying a portion of their natural gas requirements, provided the Parish has access to sufficient quantities at favorable pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council will authorize the Parish President to negotiate the terms and conditions of the various agreements for purchases and sales of natural gas to industrial facilities

located within Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, based on the complexity of the supply agreements required for sales to industrial facilities, it would be prudent for the Parish to engage special legal counsel to assist in these matters; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the contemplated negotiations, the Parish President will make a recommendation to the Parish Council relative to the terms and conditions of the various agreements.

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

SECTION 1. Authority of Parish President. This Governing Authority finds and determines that it is in the interest of the Parish to authorize Parish President J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr. to enter into negotiations with participants in the proposed natural gas prepayment program with the assistance of Special Legal Counsel and other consultants as the Parish President deems necessary. At the conclusion of said negotiations, the Parish President shall make a recommendation to the Parish Council relative to entering into various contracts necessary to participate in the natural gas prepayment program.

SECTION 2. Special Legal Counsel Employment. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special legal counsel in connection with proposed natural gas supply agreements for natural gas supply to industrial facilities located within Iberville Parish, and accordingly, attorney F. Barry Marionneaux, Plaquemine, Louisiana, is hereby employed as Special Legal Counsel to assist in the review of pertinent documents, in negotiation of specific terms, and in meetings with parties involved in these matters. The Parish President is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and this Governing Authority hereby agrees to and accepts the terms of, the Engagement Letter to be provided by Special Legal Counsel F. Barry Marionneaux.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019 by the following votes on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

#### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Bradford, and seconded by Councilman Vallet, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN