

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020  
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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020 at 6:03 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 in the Plaquemine Post South and posted on 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: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; 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: Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Hunter S. Markins, District 8.

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 abandon a portion of drainage canal identified as W17-13 located within in St. Gabriel, Louisiana

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

**ORDINANCE 2**      Ordinance to accept donation of immovable property located on Meriam Street from Patrick & Helen Pendley

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

**ORDINANCE 3**      Ordinance to adopt the Millage Rates for the Tax Year 2020

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 6:10 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

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: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; 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: Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Hunter S. Markins, District 8.

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

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. A moment of silence was held for Mr. James Cox, an employee of the Parish.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. Ms. Desiree Lemoine representing Pointe Coupee Electric registered to speak. She reintroduced her herself to the Council as a representative of Pointe Coupee Electric and stated she was available to answer any questions.

ADDENDUM

- A) Discussion of proposed cemetery – Willie Zanders
- Chairman Jewell stated this agenda item will be passed on due to Mr. Zanders stating he will not move forward with the proposed cemetery due to opposition from the residents in the area.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A) Resolution of Condolence for Harriet Collins Tillman
- The Resolution of Condolence was read aloud by Councilman Pierce. No one was present at this time to receive the resolution.
  - Later in the meeting the Resolution of Condolence was presented to the daughters of the late Mrs. Harriet Collins Tillman. A picture was taken for the newspaper.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of June 16, 2020 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: Allen, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CAO, Edward Songy, Jr. reported on the following in the absence of President Ourso:

- Mr. Songy stated a picture packet was presented to the Council members of the following President's Report.
- The Iberville Parish Civic Center's renovations are ongoing. Pictures of the new flooring in the restrooms as well as the outside wall repairs were shown.
- The North Iberville Welcome Center has reopened. It is open from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Council on Aging
- The Rosedale Community Center is accepting rental reservations for 2021, subject to any COVID-19 restrictions by the end of this year.
- The Parish is postponing the Annual Swamp Life Expo and the Veterans Day Ceremony.
- There is a picture in the packet of the 750,000-gallon water storage tank behind the Ochsner Medical Facility with the new pump system that is being installed. There is also a new potable water line being installed.
- The sales tax collection for June 2020 was \$6,248,302, which was more than expected. The sales tax collection for July 2020 was \$4,672,665 with an additional \$800,000 collected as of today.
- The Council on Aging Facility still remain closed throughout the Parish. The elderly are at high risk per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Shintech is paying for the realignment of River Road and Eureka Road to help alleviate industrial traffic on residential roads.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated financial statements have been sent out. He stated the Parish filed for an extension with the Legislative Auditors Office for the financial audit due to COVID-19. They were granted a 90-day extension, but they should be finished by July.

Councilman Bradford asked if the Parish sales tax collections are still ahead of what was projected and Mr. Dunn stated yes they were. He stated the first 3 months of sales tax collections for the year were higher than projected.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE IPC# 005-20**

**ORDINANCE TO ABANDON A PORTION OF DRAINAGE CANAL IDENTIFIED AS W17-L3 LOCATED WITHIN IN ST. GABRIEL, LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS, a portion of the drainage channel identified as W17-L3 is located off of La. Highway 75 (River Road) in St. Gabriel, Louisiana as identified on map attached hereto and incorporated by reference is to be abandoned as said portion of drainage channel is not needed for the proper drainage of the area.

WHEREAS, this portion of the drainage canal, W17-L3, drains the land located within the area to be comprised of a Railport in the St. Gabriel area and the portion being abandoned herein is not necessary for the proper drainage of the area. This portion of the drainage canal, W17-L3, shall be abandoned as depicted on the attached map and said area comprising the drainage channel shall revert to full ownership of the adjacent landowner(s).

WHEREAS, the abandonment of the portion of drainage canal identified as W17-L3 within the area depicted on the attached map will not have any adverse effect on the surrounding area and the property owner(s) shall be responsible for drainage of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council as follows: That that portion of Drainage Canal identified as W17-L3, described above, shall be abandoned as a public drainage canal and shall be maintained solely by property owner(s).

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on June 16, 2020 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on June 25, 2020 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020, 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 Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Markins.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

**ORDINANCE IPC# 006-20**

**ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY FROM  
PATRICK W. PENDLEY AND HELEN PENDLEY LOCATED AT 58005 MERIAM  
STREET, PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA**

WHEREAS, Patrick Pendley and Helen Pendley have expressed their intention to donate a parcel of immovable property located at 58005 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana 70764 to the Iberville Parish, which property was previously utilized as a law office.

WHEREAS, the Parish has had an appraisal performed on the property and the fair market value of the property to be donated in the sum of \$150,000. A copy of the appraisal report is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. The parcel of land is more particularly described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of ground, together with all improvements thereon, lying, being and situated in the City of Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, and being located in that Section of the City of Plaquemine which was formerly known as Haaseville, as per Gill's map of the Town of Plaquemine; said parcel of land being more particularly shown on a map entitled "MAP SHOWING SURVEY OF LAND OF LOT 1 AND PART OF LOT 6 OF BLOCK 1 OF HAASEVILLE AS SHOWN ON GILL'S MAP OF PLAQUEMINE" by W.L. Waldrep, Land Surveyor, dated 12/05/72 attached herewith and made a part hereof. Said parcel of land measuring 60 feet front on the south side of Meriam Street by a depth between equal and parallel lines of 135.42 feet. Said parcel of land is bounded on the front or north by Meriam Street, on the rear or south by the property of Edward N. Engolio, on the east by Railroad Avenue, formerly Canal Avenue, and on the west by the property of Edward N. Engolio.

Being the same property acquired by mortgagor as per act recorded in C.B. 198, En. 166, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, together with all rights, ways, privileges and servitudes thereunto appertaining.

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter, Section 2-11(A)(12) requires that an ordinance shall be required to acquire real property on behalf of the Parish.

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this improved immovable property by the Iberville Parish Council will be beneficial for the operations of Parish government and is in close proximity to the Parish governmental offices.

WHEREAS, the improvements located on the donated property are in good condition and can be utilized by Parish government with minimal improvements and/or modifications to the building structure.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Iberville Parish Council to accept the donation of the immovable property from Patrick Pendley and Helen Pendley to be utilized for a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

“That J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to accept and sign any and all documentation required to accept the donation of immovable property from Patrick Pendley and Helen Pendley in accordance with Louisiana law.”

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on June 16, 2020 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on June 25, 2020 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020, 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 Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Markins.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

**ORDINANCE IPC# 007-20**

**ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES  
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana, in an open meeting held on July 21, 2020 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 2020 for the purpose of raising revenues and appropriating to the respective funds:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony (LLA MN 1042007)	2.48 mills
General Alimony within the City of Plaquemine, City of St. Gabriel, Town of White Castle, and the 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)	1.24 mills

Fire District No. 2 (LLA MN 1042020)	6.75 mills
Public Building Maintenance (LLA MN 1042036)	2.99 mills
Parish Wide Drainage (LLA MN 1042012)	4.99 mills
Library Maintenance Fund (LLA MN 1042011)	3.99 mills
Recreation District (LLA MN 1042015)	2.99 mills
Fire District No. 1 (LLA MN 1042021)	3.91 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 2020 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 16, 2020 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on June 25, 2020 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020, 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 Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Markins.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Eighth 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 Bradford, seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinance. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:11 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley.

Absent: Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AN ELECTION DATE CHANGE PURSUANT TO PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR; ESTABLISHING A NEW DATE TO CANVASS THE RETURNS OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

There were no questions from the Council or the public.

Councilman Smith made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Vallet. 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: Allen, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Markins.

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



DURING THE REGULAR MEETING:

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2020-007**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AN ELECTION DATE CHANGE PURSUANT TO  
PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR; ESTABLISHING A NEW DATE TO  
CANVASS THE RETURNS OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER  
MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

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

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), heretofore called for an election to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Proclamation Number 28 JBE 2020 on March 13, 2020 and Proclamation Number 46 JBE 2020 on April 14, 2020 (said Proclamations, with any supplements or modifications, herein the "Executive Order"), to reschedule elections due to the Statewide State of Emergency caused by COVID-19;

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

SECTION 1. This Governing Authority acknowledges the change in the election date, pursuant to the Executive Order, from May 9, 2020 to August 15, 2020.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room, 2nd floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) p.m., and shall examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 3. All provisions of the election call resolution previously adopted by this Governing Authority, other than the change in the election date and the canvass date, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. The Council Chair and/or Clerk are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal authorities to conduct the election.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020 by the following votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Markins.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

#### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

#### DISCUSSIONS

- A) Discuss reconsideration of the hiring of the Iberville Parish Parks & Recreation Director (Pierce)
- This agenda item was passed on per Councilman Pierce.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN