

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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 18th day of August, 2020 at 6:02 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 23rd day of July, 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; Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Councilman Dominique is now present.

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

Mr. Songy read the following ordinance in entirety.

ORDINANCE 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

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

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

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 18th day of August, 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; Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; 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: 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 posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 13th day of August, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. A moment of silence was held for a death in the family of Councilman Thomas Dominique.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. A letter submitted by Isaac "Ike" Jackson, Jr. was sent to the Council in opposition to agenda item 11-A.

ADDENDUM

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Audit Presentation by Baxley & Associates- Ms. Margaret Pritchard

- Ms. Margaret Pritchard, representing Hugh Baxley and Associates, LLC. presented the 2019 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 was \$214,256,340 which increased \$7.4 million over the previous year. Cash and cash equivalents increased \$1.7 million. Total of capital assets net of depreciation increased \$6 million over the previous year. The deferred outflows increased by \$2.7 million and the deferred inflows decreased \$2 million. Total liabilities is \$29,726,561 which increased \$2.6 million over the previous year. The total net position was \$188,707,008 which increased \$9.6 million for the year.
- Ms. Pritchard began summarizing page 18 which is the statement of activities. The expenses for governmental funds was \$38,015,083 which increased \$2.7

million over the previous year. The business type activities for water, natural gas, and sewer totaled \$6,732,694 which increased \$143,000 over the year. The primary governmental total for charges for services was \$3,256,568 which increased by 2%. The utilities department total for charges for services was \$6,423,621 which increased 1%. The operating capital grants decreased about \$2 million over the previous year. The total general revenues and transfers was \$40,704,550 which increased \$5 million over the previous year. The change in net position was \$9.6 million for the year.

- Ms. Pritchard began summarizing page 139 which is the findings of the financial statement audit. There were 2 findings for the 2019 budget. The General Fund's actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by 12% and in the Iberville Medical Complex fund the actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by 6%. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1310 requires budgets to be adopted and their amendments be made and adopted when variances exceed 5%. The second finding was regarding long term outstanding checks on bank reconciliations that exceed one year for the Iberville Parish Library. Procedures have been put in place to appropriate reverse long-term outstanding checks in accordance with State escheat laws.
- Ms. Pritchard thanked the Finance Director and the Finance Department for a great job in putting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports together.

There were no questions from the Council. Councilman Dominique thanked Hugh Baxley & Associates, LLC for their services over the years.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Jackson, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of July 21, 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, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso stated if there are any questions about the audit please make an appointment with Ms. Pritchard to go over the audit.
- On August 28th the Governor will determine if the State will move into Phase 3 or not.

- The 2020 Annual Swamp Life Expo and the Veterans Day Ceremony have been cancelled due to COVID-19.
- The Civic Center building is being renovated. The 45 year old walls had water intruding through the blocks and the five braces holding the building up. A structural engineer will be replacing them. The renovations will be complete in the next 6 weeks or so. All rentals for 2020 have been cancelled and refunded. If we move into Phase 3 the Civic Center will reopen for renting that meet the requirements.
- A packet of pictures of Eureka Road were presented to the Council. Shintech purchased this land and are paying the total cost of the land and the construction of the road for \$300,000 to allow for industrial traffic. Because of the height of the river the Corps of Engineers would not allow the digging of the dirt in this area which delayed this project. President Ourso thanked Shintech for purchasing this land and constructing this road.
- Pictures of green sand filters along River Road and Hwy 405 were presented. When the water comes out of the wells it runs through these green sand filters to allow for quality water for residents.
- The water line system improvement on New Camp Road near the White Castle boat landing is almost complete.
- President Ourso wanted to thank everyone for the 10 year renewal of the public building maintenance millage.
- There was a testing site for COVID-19 at the Maringouin Council on Aging drive through. There were 64 participants. Tomorrow there will be another drive through testing site for COVID-19 in Rosedale.
- On September 10, 2020 the Food Bank will be at the North Iberville Community Center to distribute 500 boxes of food.
- The security procedures to enter the Courthouse has been successful and the Parish President is introducing an ordinance to require identification to enter the Courthouse. There was a \$8,000 security report done in the Courthouse, and will not be made public.
- The water is low at time at the intake of the water system near Jack Millers which serves 10,000 people. It will have to dredged out again. A \$900,000 bulk head bid was awarded to Billy Tullier for this job.
- President Ourso went on a boat ride to view the Intracoastal Road running south towards Verret Shipyard. The road is being compromised and needs to be saved and not end up like Hwy 3066. The high water and turbulence of the tugboats have eaten up the road, causing serious erosion problems along Intracoastal Road and the Parish is going to have to spend some serious money to fix this road.
- President Ourso stated Mr. Danny Cedotal and Mr. Jerry Bradford, representing Shintech are present to answer any questions about the proposed resolution tonight. The Parish estimated \$6 million a month in sales tax collection projections for 2020. In March when COVID-19 hit the sales tax collections went down to \$5 million. The construction dollars these plants put into the parish keep the sales tax collections up.

Councilman Smith asked if the Intracoastal Road is in immediate danger or can it wait until 2021. President Ourso stated its not immediate, but it needs to be addressed very soon.

Councilman Vallet asked if there was federal money available for the road repairs, and President Ourso stated there are no State funds available for the repairs.

Councilman Arnold asked if they will set an age limit for the identification ordinance. President Ourso stated children are exempt, they are accompanying an adult and the adult will be required to show identification.

Councilman Pierce asked about the status of the removal of the statue. President Ourso stated he is working on it, and if the guy who was supposed to remove it does not respond soon, then the Parish will have to take it into its own hands for removal.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated financial statements have been sent out. He explained the key take away from the audit summary is the continued investment in capital outlay. The Parish has to continue to maintain its capital assets. He also stated there are 10 taxpayers that fund 60% of the Parish's budget, and Shintech is one of those 10 taxpayers. He thanked them for being good taxpayers that support the Parish.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 008-20

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

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:

Tax Debtor	Address	Brief Legal Description	Parcel ID
Adair Assets	58725 ALLEN ST.	LOT 5 SQ 7 DUPONT ANNEX FR ALLEN AVE., SEC. 15, T9SR12E. ///CB 553 E 242	8211349583
Altfuels Corp.		LOTS 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7 SQ. D & LOTS 1,2,3,5,12,13,14,15 & 16, SQ. C & FRAC LOTS 9 & 10 SQ. B OF DICKINSON PLAN, 10SR13E. ///CB 551 E 142	0110001407

Aragon Development Corp.	DELTA DR.	N 50' OF TRACT 4-A-3-A OF SEC. 80, T9SR1E. ///CB 557 E 309, 313, 314, 315	0410549185A
Dedrick, Clarence	23971 BAYTOWN ST	LOTS 8 & 9 SEC. E CARDINAL SUB. FR BAYTOWN, SEC. 15, T9SR12E. ///CB 127 E 16	0210188300
Dickerson, Annie Mae		LOT BELAIR SUB FR CASTRO ST, E GRACE & DAVIDSON, S AMER. LEG, W VENDORS. ///CB 304 E 54,45	0200347100
Dorsey, Octavia Davis		LOT 6 SURV. BEN DAVIS JR. & CLARA S. DAVIS SEC36T9SR1E S MARY ST(39.3' X 195.3') ///CB 358 E 109	0510641500
DRW, Inc.	DESOBRY ST	PART LOT 17 FORTVILLE DESIGNATED AS LOT 1, FR OR S DESOBRY ST., W DAVIS, E COOPER, REAR JOHNSON, SEC. 15, T9SR12E. 21'3"X102' ///CB 562 E 102	0210236000
Gales, James & Nicie	MERIAM ST	LOT CORNER OF MERIAM & ELEVENTH STS, W D WILBERT, SEC. 14, T9SR12E. ///CB 560 E 351	8301358017
Lejeune Investments Properties, LLC #1	57910 BARROW	LOT 4 SQ. M BELLEVIEW ADD.SEC 17 &18 T9SR12 (49.33' X 132.91' X 50' X 137.82') ///CB 560 E 288	0200388412
Lejeune Investments Properties, LLC #2	57919 PAN AM ST	LOT 5 SQ. M PLAN BELLEVIEW ADD., SECS. 17 & 18, T9SR12E. ///CB 560 E 287	0200388413
Lejeune Investments Properties, LLC #3		PART LOT 11 HOMESTEAD SUB IN SEC. 11, T9SR12E, FR NICHOLAS ST. (LESS PART SOLD) 14' X 100' X 34.65' (50'X100' LESS SOLD) ///CB 553 E 214	0600752492
Redditt, Edna C.		LOT PETER DAYVILLE, FR OR E YORK, N MARKS, S JACKSON, W ROBERTSON. 37 1/2' X 90' ///CB 523 E 39	0510654900
Reed, Rev. E.D.B	NATS ALLEY	LOT FR OR N NAT'S ALLEY, S HIRSCH, E BREAUX, W WILBUR, SEC. 14, T9SR12E. 28' FR ///CB 553 E 289	8301358010

Stephens, Eloise Lockett		LOT N KERN, E OLD HICKORY, S KERN, W CHURCH 75' X 220' ///CB 175 E 277	0100130000
Washington, Yvonne Jones		LOT FR LANDRY ALLEN RD, N VENDORS, R & E EMILE LANDRY, S SCHULTZ. 40' X 152' ///CB 566 E 191	0510662621

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the properties described above shall be sold at public sale and/or full ownership acquired by the Iberville Parish Council in accordance with the terms of Ordinance # 002-13 and the Iberville Parish Adjudicated Properties Program as administered by the Parish Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Administrator shall in accordance with the terms of Ordinance #002-13 set the minimum bid price for each property, set the date of the public sale, authorize the necessary pre-sale expenditures through a third-party administrator regarding title work, legal notices, advertisements and affidavits, designate an auctioneer and ensure that all acts of sale are acceptable in form and substance.

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 18th day of August, 2020.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on July 21, 2020 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on July 30, 2020 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 18th day of August, 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 Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Markins, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of August, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Songy:

1) Ordinance requiring identification for access to the Iberville Parish Courthouse

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, September 15, 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: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: Allen, Pierce, Arnold.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of August, 2020.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6:04 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Kelley, Markins, Dominique.

Absent: Arnold, Jackson, Morgan.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

A) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHINTECH PROJECT SPP3 ITEP APPROVAL

There were no questions from the Council or the public.

Councilman Kelley made a recommendation to forward the resolution 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, Kelley, Markins, Dominique.

NAYS: Pierce.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Arnold, Jackson, Morgan.

Councilman Pierce stated he voted against this resolution because he does not believe Shintech hires local residents.

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

DURING THE REGULAR MEETING:

Chairman Jewell asked if there are any questions or comments prior to voting on this resolution. There was a brief discussion regarding this resolution amongst several Council members.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2020-008

RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM IN IBERVILLE PARISH

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

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21 (F) of the Louisiana Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and R.S. 36:104 provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry ("BCI"), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption ("ITE") and has approval of the BCI for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, and that the percentage of exemption be 80% for a term of five years, renewable for an additional term of five years from ad valorem taxes in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC) to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC with respect to the manufacturing plant located in IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA based on the following conditions:

**A. Performance Objectives/Job Creation Requirements
115 New Permanent Job at the Manufacturing Facility**

Up To \$1,321,000,000.00 in Capital Expenditures

B. Industrial Tax Exemption of Iberville Parish Ad Valorem Taxes

In the event that SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC fails to complete its project, or fails to timely meet its performance objectives and/or job creation requirements, including but not limited to the retention or creation of the number of jobs or the achieving or maintaining of payroll amounts within the time and for the term agreed, as specified in its award agreement; if SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC ceases its operations, reduces its employment numbers or payroll amounts to less than 90% of the required amounts; such shall constitute a default under the award agreement, and LED and IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL shall retain all rights to modify the terms and conditions of the incentive.

The IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 18th day of August, 2020 by the following votes on roll call:

YEAS: Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: Allen, Pierce, Arnold.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of August, 2020.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Kelley, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN