

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021  
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 December, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021 in the Plaquemine Post South and posted on the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; 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; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Terry J. Bradford, District 9.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy was also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinances in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1**      Ordinance authorizing purchase of property for parking area at White Castle Boat Launch

The floor was opened to comments and questions. Mr. Rodney Daigle registered to speak in opposition to this ordinance. Mr. Daigle presented two pictures of a flair for the pipeline company near the White Castle boat landing. He stated the flair releases gas that could harm the public while at the boat landing. He opposes the Parish purchasing this property.

**ORDINANCE 2**      Ordinance authorizing purchase of property for access road connecting Lacroix Road to Dorcy Road for Closure of Railroad Crossing at Lacroix Road

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 6:09 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021**

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 December, 2021.

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;; 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; 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; Terry J. Bradford, District 9.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi was 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 December, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. No one registered to speak.

#### ADDENDUM

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominique, seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved to add the following items 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: Allen, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Bradford.

- A) Proclamation proclaiming January 2022 as School Board Recognition Month
- Dr. Joffrion, Superintendent of the Iberville Parish School Board came before the Council to receive the proclamation proclaiming January 2022 as School Board Recognition Month.
  - Chairman Jewell read aloud a proclamation. A picture was taken for the newspaper.
- B) Presentation to Iberville Parish Council by Exxon Mobile - Michael Smith
- A donation of \$2,500 was made by Exxon Mobile to the Parish's Emergency Operations Center. EOC Director, Clint Moore stated new radios will be purchased with this donation.
  - Mr. Michael Smith, representing Exxon Mobile spoke before the Council. He thanked the Council for their service to the community.
  - A picture was taken for the newspaper.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A) Presentation to the Iberville Parish Council by Shelby Hemingway, Representative of Boardwalk, Inc.
- Mr. Shelby Hemingway, representing Boardwalk, Inc. presented the Council on Aging Director, Charlene Siplin a \$5,000 donation. She accepted it on behalf of the senior citizens of the Council on Aging facilities. She stated 199 blankets cans of cookies were purchased with the donation from Boardwalk, Inc. for the senior citizens.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Pierce, and seconded by Councilman Jackson, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of November 16, 2021 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, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- CAO, Edward Songy Jr. spoke on behalf of President Ourso's absence.
- A slideshow presentation was prepared for the President's Report. The first slide was of Canal W19-L4 in Councilman Jackson's district. The canal is undergoing a \$700,000 drainage improvement project. The canal has been dug out and a special cloth put down at the bottom to prevent erosion. This project is near completion.
- Last month there was a Council on Aging appreciation fish fry sponsored by DuPlantis Design Group. Eighty senior citizens participated.
- The next slide showed the progress of the IPRD maintenance facility. There is also drainage work being done on the fields. They are expecting completion by the third quarter of next year.
- The last slide was of the water in-take structure in Councilman Kelley's district. This is a \$300,000 project to upgrade the water in-take structure near Jack Millers. This will increase ability to draw the water from the Intracoastal during low water periods.
- East Iberville is under a temporary moratorium. In January 2022 an ordinance will be presented to the Council regarding the changes in rules and regulations for development in East Iberville in unincorporated areas.
- Mr. Songy stated Mr. Rodney Daigle spoke in opposition to the ordinance for the white castle boat landing parking lot during the public hearing. He stated Mr. Daigle is currently involved in litigation with the pipeline company. Mr. John Marque, the Director of Fire and Emergency Services came before the Council to speak. He stated the White Castle Fire Department has been called out numerous times to this site due to complaints of a smell in this area. He stated there is only one complainant. He explained there is a monthly flair which is when the company changes the filter, and the flair poses no hazard to the public at the boat landing. Mr. Songy also stated Mr. John Clark, Parish Engineer and DEQ have been out to the site and have found no violation of pollution regulations.
- He wished the Council a happy holidays.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the Finance Department is currently closing out 2021. He will have more to report in January. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

## OLD BUSINESS

### **ORDINANCE IPC# 021-21**

#### **ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE FEE TITLE TO A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT INTERSECTION OF LA HWY. 993 AND NEW CAMP ROAD ACROSS FROM WHITE CASTLE CANAL BOAT LANDING FROM CALLEGAN SONS, LLC FOR USE AS A PARKING LOT FOR RESIDENTS UTILIZING THE BOAT LANDING**

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

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council maintains a public boat launch on the White Castle Canal at the intersection of LA HWY 993 and New Camp Road. This boat launch does not provide sufficient parking for the vehicles/boat trailers of the residents utilizing the boat launch.

WHEREAS, for numerous years the Whaley and Rousseau families allowed the Parish to utilize a tract of land across the boat landing as a parking lot of residents utilizing the White Castle Boat Landing. The property was recently sold to Callegan Sons, LLC in October 2021, and the new owner has offered the Parish the option to purchase the property currently used for the parking area by boaters.

WHEREAS, the Parish will acquire fee title to a parcel of land identified and described on the attached survey plat map prepared by Pan American Engineers. A certified Louisiana real estate appraiser is currently preparing the fair market value survey on the tract of land to be acquired for the boat landing parking area. The fair market value of the tract of land is the sum of \$31,000.00.

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this parcel of land will allow the Parish to continue providing a suitable parking area for the White Castle Boat Landing and to make improvements to the parking area to improve the safety of the parking area. A plat map of the parcel of land to be acquired is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows: “That J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documentation pertaining to the land sale from Callegan Sons, LLC for the above described lot located in White Castle area to provide public parking area for boaters utilizing the White Castle Canal Boat Landing.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on November 16, 2021 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on November 25, 2021, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021, 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 Smith, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Bradford.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

#### **ORDINANCE IPC# 022-21**

#### **ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE FEE TITLE TO A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE WESTERN SIDE OF RAILROAD TRACK BETWEEN LACROIX ROAD AND DORCY ROAD TO CONSTRUCT ROADWAY DUE TO CLOSURE OF RAILROAD CROSSING AT LACROIX ROAD**

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

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Union Pacific Railroad are seeking to close the crossing located at LA Highway 1 and LaCroix Road in the Dorseyville area to improve safety. Closure of this crossing will require a road to connect LaCroix Road to Dorcy Road for property owners along LaCroix Road to have ingress and egress for their property.

WHEREAS, the Parish will acquire fee title to a parcel of land identified as: **Lot in Dorseyville, E & Rear by Lot 48, W by Lot 52, front Dorseyville Road, C.B. 140, E. 271, being the same property acquired by Charles O. Dupont from Doretha A. Hardin on Jun 6, 1973 by Tax Sale recorded in C.B. 203, En. 233** from current owners, namely, Renee Dupont Edwards, Janine Dupont Pendley, Lorraine Dupont O’Shee and Ninette Dupont Long for the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this parcel of land will allow the Parish to construct an asphalt road connecting LaCroix Road and Dorcy Road to allow for ingress and egress for property owners and residents living along LaCroix Road. A plat map of the parcel of land to be acquired is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows: “That J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documentation pertaining to the land sale from Renee Dupont Edwards, et al for the above described lot located in Dorseyville to construct an asphalt road connecting LaCroix Road and Dorcy Road due to the planned closure of the railroad crossing at LaCroix Road.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on November 16, 2021 and a summary thereof having been published in the official

journal on November 25, 2021, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021, 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 Smith, 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, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Bradford.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 6:09 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Dominique, Morgan.

Absent: Pierce, Arnold.

Councilman Pierce is now present.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

#### A) Resolution adopting the Iberville Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan 2021

Councilman Vallet 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 ye and nay votes on roll call by Resolution Committee Members only:

YEAS: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Dominique, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Arnold.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

#### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2021-022**

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2021**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Pierce and seconded by Councilman Markins.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan hereby known as the "Iberville Parish Mitigation Plan 2021" in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and;

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has participated in the process to prepare a Disaster Mitigation Act Compliant Hazard Mitigation Plan based on the FEMA guidelines;

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council is participating in the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared under the oversight of a Steering Committee comprised of Parish wide representatives;

WHEREAS the appropriate opportunity for input by the general public and community officials has been provided through meetings and availability of documents to the public in accordance with established COVID-19 procedures for such dissemination of public information and zoom meetings.

WHEREAS, the Plan has been recommended for approval and adoption by the Iberville Parish Council;

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Plan is required prior to further consideration for FEMA funding under the following programs:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Bradford.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on December 21, 2021.

#### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

#### DISCUSSIONS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN