

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022  
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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 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; 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; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: None.

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 W4-L9A located within in Plaquemine, Louisiana in the Shintech Industrial Area

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

**ORDINANCE 2**      Ordinance to adopt the Millage Rates for the tax 2022

The floor was opened to comments and questions. There was no opposition to this ordinance from the public. Councilwoman Allen asked if the millage rates for the City of Plaquemine and the Town of White Castle changed, and Mr. Songy stated no they have remained at 1.24 for decades.

**ORDINANCE 3**      Ordinance to adopt the Iberville Parish Adjusted Millage Rates and roll forward the millages not to exceed the Maximum Authorized Millage for the tax year 2022

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 6:13 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

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; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: None.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, Jr., 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. A moment of silence was held for those lost in the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvlade, Texas.

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

ADDENDUM

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Recognition of Retirement- Registrar of Voters Melissa Bourgoyne

- A plaque was presented to Ms. Melissa Bourgoyne in honor of her retirement of 32 years by the Council. A picture was taken for the newspaper. Ms. Bourgoyne spoke before the Council and thanked them for everything over the years and for this honor tonight.

- B) Recognizing Coach Dawan Carter District 7-1A Coach of the Year and WCHS Bulldog Basketball Team - LHSAA State Runner Up
- Coach Dawan Carter was presented a framed Resolution of Recognition honoring him and the White Castle Bulldog Basketball team. A picture was taken with Councilwoman Allen for the newspaper.
- C) Recognizing Coach Tammy Pierce District 7-1A Coach of Year and WCHS Lady Bulldog Basketball Team - All District Team
- Coach Tammy Pierce was presented a framed Resolution of Recognition honoring her and the White Castle Lady Bulldog Basketball team. A picture was taken with Councilwoman Allen for the newspaper.
- D) Recognizing Percy Butler for being drafted by the NFL
- Percy Butler's family was presented a framed Resolution of Recognition on his behalf honoring him for this great achievement. A picture was taken with Councilman Arnold for the newspaper.
- E) Recognizing Ja'Tyre Carter for being drafted by the NFL
- Ja'Tyre Carter's family was presented a Resolution of Recognition on his behalf honoring him for this great achievement. A picture was taken with Councilwoman Allen for the newspaper.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of April 19, 2022 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, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

- Mr. Songy stated 50 trees were removed during the project for debris removal in Bayou Plaquemine. The City of Plaquemine has agreed to pay half of the cost of the project.
- The deadline for the applications for student summer workers is nearing and they will begin working on June 20, 2022.
- On April 25, 2022 the State Veterinarian visited the Iberville Parish Animal Shelter and found the shelter was in full compliance. Through grants the shelter

is able to ship out hundreds of dogs throughout the country for adoption at no cost to the Parish.

Councilman Arnold asked if the Bayou Plaquemine debris clean up project was a volunteered service or if it was contracted service, and Mr. Songy stated it was through a contractor service.

Councilman Kelley asked about the trash in the Grosse Tete bayou, and Mr. Songy stated the owners did clean up the trash.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was accidentally skipped. Then, Finance Director, Randall Dunn was called back up for his report. He stated he only wanted to mention that the roll forward ordinance has to be approved by a 2/3 vote.

### OLD BUSINESS

## **ORDINANCE IPC# 007-22**

### **ORDINANCE TO ABANDON A PORTION OF DRAINAGE CANAL IDENTIFIED AS W4-L9A LOCATED WITHIN IN PLAQUEMINE, LOUISIANA IN THE SHINTECH INDUSTRIAL AREA**

WHEREAS, the drainage channel identified as W4-L9A is located off of La. Highway 405 (River Road) in Plaquemine, Louisiana as identified on map attached hereto and incorporated by reference is to be abandoned as said portion of drainage channel is no longer needed for the properties surrounding the Shintech industrial area.

WHEREAS, this drainage canal, W4-L9A, drains the land located solely within the industrial area and Shintech and the portion being abandoned herein is not necessary for the proper drainage of the area surrounding the industrial area. This portion of the drainage canal, W4-L9A 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.

WHEREAS, the abandonment of the portion of the drainage canal identified as W4-L9A within the area depicted on the attached map will not have any adverse effect on the surrounding area and the property owner shall be responsible for drainage of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council as follows: That that portion of the Drainage Canals identified as W4-L9A, described above and depicted on the attached plat map shall be abandoned as a public drainage canal and shall be maintained solely by property owner.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on April 19, 2022 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on April 28, 2022, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, 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 Councilwoman Easley, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**ORDINANCE IPC# 008-22**

**ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES  
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana, in an open meeting held on May 24, 2022 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 2022 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) 2016 Year of First Levy	6.75 mills
Public Building Maintenance (LLA MN 1042036) 2022 Year of first Levy	3.00 mills
Parish Wide Drainage (LLA MN 1042012) 2019 Year of first Levy	4.99 mills
Library Maintenance Fund (LLA MN 1042011) 2016 Year of First Levy	3.99 mills
Recreation District (LLA MN 1042015) 2013 Year of First Levy	2.99 mills

Fire District No. 1 (LLA MN 1042021)  
2016 Year of First Levy

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 2022 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 April 19, 2022 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on April 28, 2022, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, 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 Councilwoman Easley, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

#### **ORDINANCE IPC # 009-22**

#### **ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE IBERVILLE PARISH ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATES AND ROLL FORWARD THE MILLAGES NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED MILLAGE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2022**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana, in an open meeting held on May 24, 2022, and conducted in accordance with the open meetings law, the Council increased the following millage rates but not in excess of the maximum authorized millage rates, said millage rates be and hereby are levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2022, and, when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied and are appropriated to the respective funds; said millage rates are as follows:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2022 Levy</u>
General Alimony (LLA MN 1042007)	2.48 mills	2.49 mills
Fire Prot Dist No. 2 Tax (LLA MN 1042020)	6.75 mills	6.78 mills
Drain Dist (LLA MN 1042012)	4.99 mills	5.00 mills
Library Maintenance Fund (LLA MN 1042011)	3.99 mills	4.00 mills
Fire District No. 1 (LLA MN 1042021)	3.91 mills	3.95 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 2022 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 April 19, 2022 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on April 28, 2022, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, 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 Councilwoman Easley, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

### NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1) None.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:13 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: None.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution authorizing the Parish President to submit an application for the State of Louisiana Division of Administration Community Development Local Government Assistance Program
- B) Resolution to authorize Parish President to submit an application under the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF)
- C) Resolution to grant Temporary Waiver for Levee View R V Park Road Project

Councilman Vallet made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Pierce. 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, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2022-007**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Vallet, seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development will be accepting applications for FY 2021/2022 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP);



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to submit an LGAP Application for the purchase of a new forklift for the Ernest “Mano” Davis, Sr. Water Treatment Plant and to execute all assurances and certifications required for the application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to work with Pan American Engineers, LLC on the development of the LGAP Application.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

#### **RESOLUTION IPC# 2022-008**

#### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF)**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Vallet, seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has been informed by the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, that under the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF), which was authorized in the 2008 Regular Legislative Session under House Bill 926 (Act 513), provided funds for local governments to utilize for rehabilitation, improvement, and construction projects for community water systems to provide safe and clean drinking water; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to submit an Application under the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) for chemical injection system upgrades and chemical storage covers and he is hereby authorized to execute all assurances and certifications required for submission of the application; and,

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2022-009**

**RESOLUTION GRANTING A VARIANCE FOR ROAD COMPLETION  
FOR LEVEE VIEW R V PARK**

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Vallet, seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, the owner of “LEVEE VIEW RV PARK”, Jean Crites, obtained a Parish permit for the construction of the park on July 19, 2019, said RV Park being located on La Highway 405 (River Road) in White Castle, LA.

WHEREAS, the construction of “LEVEE VIEW RV PARK” was substantially delayed by the high level of the Mississippi River, which prevented any earth work on said Park and the Covid-19 Pandemic further delayed the actual construction of the Park until 2021.

WHEREAS, the unforeseen delay in the commencement of construction of “LEVEE VIEW RV PARK” has created significant delays in acquiring road contractors and substantial cost increases for the installation of the asphalt roadway within the RV Park

WHEREAS, the Park shall be granted a temporary variance for the final completion of the asphalt roadway for a period of twelve (12) months from the date the owner obtains an approved Occupational License from the Iberville Parish Sales Tax Department. If at the end of the twelve (12) month period for the asphalt road completion, the asphalt road has not been installed, an additional period of six (6) months may be granted for the completion of the asphalt roadway in the RV Park, with no additional delays being granted for the asphalt roadway completion.

WHEREAS, in the event the asphalt roadway is not finally completed within eighteen (18) months after the issuance of the initial Occupational License being granted, the Occupational License shall be revoked and cannot be renewed until such time as the asphalt roadway in the RV Park is fully completed according to the parish specifications.

WHEREAS, the owner of “LEVEE VIEW RV PARK” shall execute an agreement with the Iberville Parish Permit and Sales Tax Department agreeing to the terms and conditions of this resolution that the asphalt roadway within the RV Park shall be fully completed within eighteen (18) months of the issuance of the initial Occupational License by the Sales Tax Department.

WHEREAS, the owner of “LEVEE VIEW RV PARK” shall also agree that the Parish shall be empowered to cut off the water supply to the RV Park after the expiration of eighteen (18) months from the initial granting of an occupational license for the RV Park should the asphalt roadway not be fully completed and said water service shall not be reconnected until the completion of the asphalt roadway.

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of this Variance for the installation of the asphalt roadway in the RV Park shall be binding upon the owner’s successors and assigns and this Resolution

shall be filed in the Parish Conveyance Records and a satisfaction and release of these provisions shall be filed in said Conveyance Records upon final completion of the asphalt roadway in the RV Park.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley at 6:49 p.m., seconded by Councilman Bradford it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the Registrar of Voters' vacancy. 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, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Upon a motion by Councilman Vallet at 7:14 p.m., seconded by Councilman Pierce it was moved to go out of Executive Session. 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, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Chairman Jewell stated it was discussed amongst the Council to hire a third-party company to interview the Registrar of Voters applicants. The final three interviewees will be chosen by the third-party company and presented to the Council.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN