IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at the regular meeting place of the Parish Council, in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 30th day of August, 2022.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: 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; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Bradford, Morgan

Shalanda Allen was present after roll call.

Mr. Scott Stassi, Legal Counsel was also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted.

Council Chairman Jewell stated the purpose of the special meeting, was to discuss current Council Districts and potential reapportionment changes with William Blair from Strategic Demographics.

Mr. William Blair, representing Strategic Demographics, passed out handouts that proposed different plans for each council district as well as a map with each council district highlighted.

Mr. William Blair stated that there are about 1,000 new voters in St. Gabriel. In discussions prior it was determined that District 3, District 8, and District 6 would each get 1/3 of the new voters to accommodate the new growth. The changes across the river in St. Gabriel cause the other districts around Plaquemine to be readjusted after an agreement is reached for the districts across the river.

Councilman Jackson expressed concern about what would happen to his district. There were discussions between Councilman Jackson, Mr. Blair, and Scott Stassi.

There was unofficial discussion amongst the Council. Each council member looked over their districts to determine what areas have to gain votes or give up votes within their district.

There was discussion between Councilman Kelley, Councilwoman Easley, and Mr. Blair to determine which areas they would give up and gain in their districts.

Councilman Markins and Councilman Dominique agreed to go across the river and each pick up 300 new voters. Councilman Pierce also agreed to go across the river and pick up 250 new voters.

The Iberville Parish Council will hold one more public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 6, 2022 to establish which trial plan will be proposed and drafted as an ordinance for the reapportionment plan for Iberville Parish. The public meeting will be held in the Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON
COUNCIL CLERK
/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN