

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022 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; 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; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Arnold, Vallet.

Councilman Bradford arrived after roll call.

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

Finance Director Randall Dunn read the following ordinance in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1** Ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2023 operating and capital improvement budget and the amended 2022 operating and capital improvement budget for the Iberville Parish Council

Mr. Songy read the following ordinance in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 2** Ordinance to amend Iberville Parish Ordinance Number 008-21 related to article 7, division “d” of the unified development code pertaining to solar farms and to otherwise provide with respect thereto to include venue for disputes related to solar farm permits and development

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 6:15 p.m.

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/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON  
COUNCIL CLERK

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/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Arnold, Vallet.

Parish President- J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022. 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

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting 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, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Arnold, Vallet.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso thanked the Council for being a part of the annual Veterans' Ceremony. He also thanked all of his staff for their efforts.
- He presented the Council with a slideshow of all the ongoing projects within the Parish.
- Bayou Breaux project in St. Gabriel is being funded by \$300,000 that the Parish was granted with from the State and Senator Ed Price.
- He stated that there are 8 major pipelines on in St. Gabriel that the parish cleaned up the area on either side of the pipeline but the 150-foot-wide pipeline corridor is not being maintained by the pipeline companies. He had a meeting with the 8 pipeline companies about the lack of maintenance on the pipeline corridor to allow water to flow through the canals.

- He also presented the Council with a video on the progress of the Belleview Park and it should be wrapped up within the next few months.
- Bayou Blue Park is still in progress.
- Thanked the Fire Departments in White Castle and Bayou Goula in improving their rating from a 5 to a 4 rating.
- As of October 2022, \$74 million dollars in sales taxes have been collected comparing that to the \$60 million collected in 2020. He expressed how good the sales tax revenue has been for the Parish.
- President Ourso came back before the Council to inform them that Ochsner is asking for a bigger MRI machine. The current MRI machine has a weight limit of 350 pounds but the bigger MRI machine that they want the Parish to purchase has a weight limit of 500 pounds. There is money in the Ochsner account to cover the new MRI machine. The old MRI machine becomes property of the Parish and they will look to sell it.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn presented the council with the monthly financials and thanked Dinesha Fernandez and Stephanie Glynn for their work on preparing the 2023 budget. He came back before the council to explain how the agreement between the Parish and Ochsner works.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **ORDINANCE IPC # 012-22**

#### **ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND THE AMENDED 2022 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 5-03 and 5-05 provide that the Iberville Parish Council shall adopt annually an operating budget and a capital improvement budget for the fiscal year of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

WHEREAS, the 2022 amended and 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets have been presented to the Iberville Parish Council and the General Public, and a public hearing will be held on the budgets and all proposed modifications, if any, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Department of Finance has submitted for appropriation requests to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, all requests for capital outlay funding for Parish projects, the Governor's Office of Rural Development, Department of Transportation & Development, Department of Labor, Department of Military Affairs, and Department of Health & Hospitals, and while it is not presently known if the requests will be approved and funded, the State funds shall be included in the 2023 budgets to the extent such funds are received by the Iberville Parish Council.

WHEREAS, the 2022 amended budget and the 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets having been duly submitted for public hearing on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council, as follows;

"That the 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets for the Iberville Parish Council be approved and adopted as amended.

"That the 2022 Amended Budget be approved and adopted."

"That a copy of the budgets shall be on file with the Iberville Parish Council Clerk and open for public inspection in accordance with law."

"That this ordinance be published in accordance with the provision of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter, and that the approved budget shall become effective January 1, 2023, in accordance with law."

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 18, 2022 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on October 27, 2022, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Smith, 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, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSTAIN: None.  
ABSENT: Arnold, Vallet.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

### **ORDINANCE IPC # 013-22**

#### **ORDINANCE TO AMEND IBERVILLE PARISH ORDINANCE NUMBER 008-21 RELATED TO ARTICLE 7, DIVISION “D” OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE PERTAINING TO SOLAR FARMS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERE TO INCLUDE VENUE FOR DISPUTES RELATED TO SOLAR FARM PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council adopted Ordinance Number 008-21 on June 15, 2021 by unanimous approval related to permitting of Solar Farm development within the unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council desires to amend the provisions of Iberville Parish Ordinance Number 008-21 to provide for the addition of Section 7.D-10 to be entitled “Contractual Disputes” as follows:

#### **“7.D-10. Contractual Disputes**

**Any action related to a dispute regarding the issuance or denial of a solar farm permit or interpretation of Ordinance Number 008-12 shall be instituted exclusively in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana. The Iberville Parish Council and Solar Farm Applicant shall stipulate to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana for any dispute related to the solar farm application or issuance or denial of any permit. Any application or permit form issued pursuant to Ordinance Number 008-12 shall contain the jurisdiction and venue provisions providing for exclusive jurisdiction and venue in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana.”**

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

*“That Iberville Parish Ordinance Number 008-21 be amended to add Section 7.D-10 to provide as follows:*

#### **7.D-10. Contractual Disputes**

**Any action related to a dispute regarding the issuance or denial of a solar farm permit or interpretation of Ordinance Number 008-12 shall be instituted exclusively in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana. The Iberville Parish Council and Solar Farm Applicant shall stipulate to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Eighteenth Judicial District Court, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, for any dispute related to the solar farm application or issuance or denial of any permit. Any application or permit form issued pursuant to Ordinance Number 008-12 shall contain the jurisdiction and venue provisions providing for exclusive jurisdiction and venue in the Eighteenth Judicial**

**District Court, Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana”.**

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 18, 2022 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on October 27, 2022, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Smith, 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, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Arnold, Vallet.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT**

None.

**DISCUSSIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilwoman Easley, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON  
COUNCIL CLERK

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/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN