

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023
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 17th day of October, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 12th day of October, 2023 in The Advocate and posted on the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the meeting 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; 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; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

Councilman Easley arrived after roll call.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy was also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinances in entirety.

ORDINANCE 1 ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND TO SELL TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNER PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ORDINANCE # 002-13 (KENNETH JOHNSON, SR.; PARCEL #8211349508)

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.

/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**

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 17th day of October, 2023.

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; 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; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

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 Advocate newspaper on the 12th day of October, 2023. 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.

Chairman Jewell invited the newly elected council members to come and introduce their selves to the council. Chasity Martinez and Nadia Jenkins came before the council and gave a brief introduction and said they were looking forward to getting to work.

ADDENDUM

A) None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilwoman Easley, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of September 19 – Regular Meeting, September 19 – Board of Review 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, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Ourso was not in attendance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated he will have 2023 budget finalized by next week and will be delivered to the council. He also stated that he will represent the parish on the transition between the old and new administration.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC # 012-23

ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND TO SELL TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNER PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ORDINANCE # 002-13 (KENNETH JOHNSON, SR.; PARCEL #8211349508)

WHEREAS the Parish of Iberville has a tax interest in the property described below which has been adjudicated for non-payment of property taxes.

WHEREAS “Property 1” listed below, has been previously declared to be surplus by Iberville Parish Council Ordinance # 006-13.

WHEREAS the adjudicated property listed herein has been maintained for at least one year by an adjoining landowner. Section 14 of IPC Ordinance # 002-13 states: “Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance, Iberville Parish Council may, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 47:2201(2)(B), as revised by Act 511 of 2009, allow adjoining landowners of an adjudicated property which constitutes an adjudicated vacant lot to purchase the adjudicated vacant lot for any price set by Iberville Parish Council without any public bidding at a public meeting of the Iberville Parish Council provided that Iberville Parish Council determines that the adjoining landowner has

maintained the property for a period of one (1) year prior to the sale. Such sale shall be deemed a public sale under the provisions of this subpart.”

WHEREAS contingent upon the requirements of law being met, including but not limited to, proper notice to any interested parties, advertisement in the official journal of Iberville Parish and the production of the three sworn affidavits attesting to the adjoining landowner’s maintenance of the adjudicated lots, the Iberville Parish Council desires, and intends to sell the following properties:

1.) **Parcel #** 8211349508

Tax debtor: Kenneth Johnson, Sr.

Location of property: LOTS D & E RESUB. LOT 18 DESOBRY PLAN
FORTVILLE, FR 14' RD, N LOT C, W TAYLOR, S PROVOST.
SEC.15,T9SR12E ///CB 520 E 71///*FORM 10/77 WOOD
24260 BOURGEOIS ST

Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: Cynthia Davis Hall

Suggested price: \$ 2,180.00

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the property described above shall be sold to the adjoining landowner listed in accordance with the terms of Ordinance # 002-13 and the Iberville Parish Adjudicated Property Program as administered by the Parish Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the adjoining landowner of the adjudicated property may purchase the adjoining property for the price suggested above unless another price is designated by the Iberville Parish Council.

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.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on September 19, 2023 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on September 25, 2023, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of October, 2023, 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 Bradford, 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, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of October, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

1) New Business

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1) Ordinance to adopt the fiscal year 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget and the Amended 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget for the Iberville Parish Council

Upon a motion by Councilman Markins, seconded by Councilman Smith, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinances.

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, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

B) Trick or Treat schedule for 2023

Motion For 2023 Trick or Treat Hours in The Unincorporated Areas of Iberville Parish

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Easley, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved to adopt the 2023 Trick or Treat Schedule for the East & West Banks' Unincorporated Areas of the Parish for Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day October, 2023.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, and Dominique.

Absent: Vallet, Jackson, Morgan.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

A) Resolution to select a project for the FY 2024/2025 LCDBG Program

B) Resolution committing to use local funds to pay for engineering costs related to the FY 2024/2025 LCDBG Program

C) Resolution committing to use local funds to pay for administration costs related to the FY 2024/2025 LCDBG Program

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet, Jackson, Morgan.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2023 - _____

RESOLUTION TO SELECT A PROJECT FOR THE FY 2024/2025 LCDBG PROGRAM

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Arnold.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, LCDBG Section will be accepting applications for FY 2024/2025 Louisiana Community Development Block Grants; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish has held a public hearing to provide information on the application process and to obtain public input on potential projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby authorized to submit an LCDBG application for Water System Improvements, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and is directed and authorized to act as the official representative of the Parish of Iberville in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 17th day of October, 2023 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on October 17, 2023.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2023 - _____

RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO USE LOCAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR ENGINEERING COSTS RELATED TO THE FY 2024/2025 LCDBG PROGRAM

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Arnold.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville intends to submit a FY 2024/2025 Application for funding under the LCDBG Program for Street Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LCDBG regulations provide that two (2) additional ranking points can be secured if an applicant agrees to pay for all related non-construction fees; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, because of the competitive nature of the LCDBG Program, it is believed that as a strategy to improve the Parish's rating for grant funds it is advisable to make the financial commitment to locally provide the funds for these costs and thereby utilizing LCDBG grant funds, if awarded, only for construction costs; and,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the expenses that are non-construction and related to the technical services required for a LCDBG grant would total approximately 15% of the amount of grant funds awarded; excluding grant administration and technical assistance services, which are considered as a separate category in the LCDBG Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parish hereby obligates and commits, as part of the LCDBG application process, to pay for engineering, observation of construction, topographic survey, geotechnical investigations, and miscellaneous related costs all in an effort to raise the competitiveness of the Parish's LCDBG application by securing two (2) additional points in the rating process; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected to provide the required engineering services for fees in accordance with LCDBG guidelines; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby directed to include a copy of this resolution in the project file related to the LCDBG application to serve as documentation as to the Parish's commitment to obligate itself to pay for all related non-construction fees; including topographical surveys, geotechnical investigations, engineering services, observation of construction, etc. utilizing local funds, when and if the LCDBG Grant Application is awarded.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 17th day of October, 2023 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on October 17, 2023.

RESOLUTION IPC # 2023 -

**RESOLUTION COMMITTING TO USE LOCAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR
ADMINISTRATION COSTS RELATED TO THE FY 2024/2025 LCDBG
PROGRAM**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Arnold.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville intends to submit a FY 2024/2025 Application for funding under the LCDBG Program for Street Improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LCDBG regulations provide that two (2) additional ranking points can be secured if an applicant agrees to pay for all technical assistance, administration and grant application fees; and,

WHEREAS, because of the competitive nature of the LCDBG Program, it is believed that as a strategy to improve the Parish's rating for grant funds it is advisable to make the financial commitment to locally provide the funds for these costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parish of Iberville hereby commits a sum, not to exceed \$50,000, for technical assistance, administration and grant application fees, if funded, in an effort to raise the competitiveness of the Parish's LCDBG application by securing two (2) additional points in the rating process; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pan American Engineers, LLC is hereby selected to provide the required technical assistance, administration and grant application services for fees in accordance with LCDBG guidelines; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parish President is hereby directed to include a copy of this resolution in the project file related to the LCDBG application to serve as documentation as to the Parish's commitment to obligate itself to pay for all technical assistance, administration and grant application services, etc. utilizing local funds, when and if the LCDBG Grant Application is awarded.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 17th day of October, 2023 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson, Vallet, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on October 17, 2023.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- A) The 55th International Acadian Festival will be held on October 27-29, 2023 in Iberville Parish.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Pierce, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN