

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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 20th day of February, 2024.

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; Freddie Frazier, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Nadia Jenkins, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Chasity Martinez, District 10; Charles Dardenne, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: None.

Parish President- Chris Daigle, Chief Administrative Officer- Dwayne Boudreaux, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi was also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in The Advocate newspaper on the 15th day of February, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk.

Council Chairman Jewell made an announcement that the meeting will not be broadcasted live or video recorded because the cameraman was not in attendance.

ADDENDUM

A) Lana Venable with Koura – Grant from Department of Energy

Upon a motion by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilwoman Allen to add the Addendum Presentation as Items 5-B on the regular meeting 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, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Lana Venable with Koura – Grant from Department of Energy

- Lana Venable reported on the following, she thanked the council for their support on their ITEP. The project will allow them to switch their operations to making lithium batteries.
- They received a grant from the Department of Energy, one of only 2 sites in the State to receive the grant. They also have a scholarship program that will focus on Iberville Students and getting them more opportunities with local industry.
- She thanked the Council for their support and allowing her to speak to them tonight on behalf of Koura.

B) Presentation by District Attorney Tony Clayton

- DA Tony Clayton presented a PowerPoint to the Council on his current Law Enforcement District initiative sales tax that will be up for a parish wide vote on April 27. The initiative will provide stable, recurring revenue for the DA's office

and will allow the DA's office to establish needed programs to address juvenile crime, gang activity, and drug operations.

- The initiative will also free up parish funding that is presently assigned to the DA's office. This will allow the DA's office to have stable and independent funding like all other Parish agencies.
- DA Tony Clayton is asking for everyone to support this initiative so that his office can continue to protect the Parish from violent offenders.
- He also expressed that cost of prosecuting cases are continuing to rise and juries are requiring more and more evidence to convict and gathering evidence is costly. Also, the cost to providing and assisting programs that help juvenile offenders is extremely costly.
- Councilman Smith expressed that he is in full support of DA Tony Clayton's initiative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of January 23, 2024 and Special Meeting on January 31, 2024 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, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Daigle reported on the following:

- President Daigle reported that a new position has been created, Director of Communications and Marketing, and he appointed Carrie Grace Blanchard to that position. She will begin on March 11, 2024.
- A firm has been hired to evaluate each department and create job descriptions for each position. Another, firm will be creating a salary structure and parish organizational chart.
- The new Parish website will be up presented to the Council at the March meeting and then will be published to the Public.
- The Pelican contract should be finalized by the end of the week.
- Councilwoman Allen asked President Daigle about the new marketing position and the firms that are being hired to help with the new administration transition.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the ordinance that will be introduced later in the meeting about the rates for the Belleview park. He stated that these are the same rates that were presented to the Council last year but the item was passed on. The Belleview park is a sports complex for it to be used all year round. At the March meeting Erik Willis will give the Council a presentation on the park and the proposed regulations.

OLD BUSINESS

A) None.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

- 1) Ordinance to establish athletic field use policies and rental fees for use of athletic fields

Upon a motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Markins it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinance.

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, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 20, 2024.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Dardenne, Pierce, Jenkins, Martinez, Markins, Frazier, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: None.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Dunn:

- A) Resolution authorizing the Iberville Parish President to sign and receipt any documentation relative to the receipt of grant fund awarded by the Louisiana Supreme Court and Capital Area Human services district for the Parish drug abuse Council's program for drug prevention
- B) Resolution authorizing the Iberville Parish President to enter into a water supply and system maintenance contract with Baton Rouge Water Company

Councilman Smith made a recommendation to forward the resolution 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, Dardenne, Pierce, Jenkins, Martinez, Markins, Frazier, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC # 2024-006

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IBERVILLE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SIGN AND RECEIPT ANY DOCUMENTATION RELATIVE TO THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT AND CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES DISTRICT FOR THE PARISH DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL'S PROGRAM FOR DRUG PREVENTION

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville, has been awarded grant funds annually to prevention services to the Citizens of Iberville Parish. The amounts of \$24,000 from The Louisiana Supreme Court,

and \$30,000.00 from the Capital Area Human Services District were awarded in the most recent Fiscal Year. Those funds are to be utilized in accordance with grant proposals submitted by the President's Council of Substance Abuse.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iberville Parish Council, as follows:

That Chris Daigle, Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documentation relative to the receipt of grants from the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Capital Area Human Services District effective February 20th 2024 and is hereby authorized to negotiate, on the terms and conditions that he may deem advisable, a contract with the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Capital Area Human Services District, and to execute said documents on behalf of the Iberville Parish Council, President's Council of Substance Abuse, and further that he be authorized to do all things that are necessary to implement, maintain, amend or renew said documents.

FURTHERMORE, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that Randall W. Dunn, Finance Director, is authorized to approve and sign invoices in the absence of Chris Daigle, Iberville Parish President.

This foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, was adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 20th day of February, 2024, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 20th day of February, 2024.

RESOLUTION IPC#2024-007

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IBERVILLE PARISH PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH BATON ROUGE WATER COMPANY

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish has continually contracted with The Baton Rouge Water Company to provide potable water and system maintenance to the residents, business and industry in St. Gabriel and East Iberville Parish since May 18, 1990.

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish wishes to continue its contractual relationship with Baton Rouge Water servicing the East Side of Iberville Parish through the supply and maintaining the system.

WHEREAS, the East Side Water System services 1,985 residential and 217 commercial customers for a total of 2,202 customers. The East Side Water System requires 2,300,000 gallons of water per day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Iberville Parish Council hereby authorizes Chris Daigle, Iberville Parish President, or his successor in office, to negotiate and enter into a contract or contracts with Baton Rouge Water for the supply of water and maintenance of the East Iberville Water System and to execute said documents on behalf of Iberville Parish Council during Fiscal Year 2024. Further we do hereby give him the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend, or renew said documents on behalf of Iberville Parish.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 20th day of February, 2024, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 20th day of February, 2024.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Allen, and seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN