

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 16th day of April, 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, Chief Operations Officer- Randall Dunn were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in The Advocate newspaper on the 11th day of April, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

ADDENDUM

A) Proclaiming April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month in Iberville Parish

Upon a motion by Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Bradford, to add the Addendum as item 5-C 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) Presentations to Iberville Parish Fire Department Members for completion of Firefighter training at Texas A&M.

- Representatives from Exxon Mobile came before the council to recognize members of the Iberville Parish Fire Department that completed fire training at Texas A&M. Exxon Mobile sponsors this training which allows firefighters from all over to participate in this program. They hold this class 4 times a year and they look forward to continuing this program.
- [TEEX Hear From A Firefighter Hayden McDougal on Vimeo](#)

B) Resolution of Recognition for the St. Aubry Ladies Auxiliary Court No. 119 in honor of 70 years of committed service to the community of Maringouin and surrounding areas

- Chairman Jewell presented and read aloud a resolution of recognition for the St. Aubry Ladies Auxiliary Court No. 119. They thanked the Council for recognizing their service to the Parish.

C) Proclaiming April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month in Iberville Parish

- The proclamation was read by Councilman Pierce and presented to Dr. Marilyn Thorton representing the Families Heling Families of Greater Baton Rouge. Dr. Thorton thanked the council for the recognition and welcomed the Council to come to their annual 5K run and family fun fest on April 27, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of March 19, 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:

- He presented the council the GIS mapping system that will be available to them to better assist residents in their area. The GIS map will be customized to their respective districts to allow them to see drainage canals, trash pick up days and other helpful information. He presented the council with a demonstration of the mapping software.
- He provided the Council with the dates for community meetings that will happen at the end of April and beginning of May. He reminded the Council of the Chamber of Commerce Spring membership meeting.
- He stated that April 26th is Autism Awareness Day in Iberville and asked everyone to wear blue in support of Autism Awareness.
- The permits for the Bayou Pigeon boat ramp project has been approved and that project will begin soon.
- He stated that there is a bill being presented to the Legislatures later in the week, is House Bill 273, which would limit the terms of parish presidents, councilpersons, and police jurors and mayors and city aldermen. This proposal would be a constitutional amendment to the state constitution.
- Councilman Smith asked President Daigle what can be done at a Parish level to address some zoning concerns in this district. Iberville does not have a zoning board. He stated that he is looking at creating a zoning board. It is a lengthy process that will take time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that there is an election for the tax renewal for Fire Protection District 1 and Fire Protection District 2. In preparation for Hurricane season standby contracts for debris removal and the aquadam is in the works. The finance department is working on the audit and it is due by June 30, 2024. Next month we will introduce an ordinance to roll back the millage rates for 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

- 1) ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-01(E) (PARISH COUNCIL) AND ARTICLE III, SECTION 3-02(B) (EXECUTIVE BRANCH) OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER FOR PURPOSES OF

ENACTING TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
AND FOR THE PARISH PRESIDENT

Councilwoman Allen expressed that she spoke with many people in her district that they were not in support of this proposed ordinance and with that she could not support it.

Upon a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 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: Easley, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: Allen, Dominique.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 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 PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CDBG-DR

B) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ACADIANA WATERSHED DISTRICT, AS CODIFIED BY LOUISIANA ACT 323

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, Frazier, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The recommendation was declared adopted by the Chairman to forward this item to the regular meeting.

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2024-007

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE CDBG-DR

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville has been awarded Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative administered by the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (OCD).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents pertaining to the CDBG-DR Program including but not limited to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and any Amendments, Project Application and any Amendments, Environmental Review Record, Certifications and Professional Service, Consulting Service and Construction Contracts and any Amendments.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 16th day of April, 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 16th day of April, 2024.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2024-008
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ACADIANA WATERSHED DISTRICT, AS CODIFIED BY LOUISIANA ACT 323

The Acadiana Watershed District shall be domiciled in Lafayette Parish as a central location within the boundaries of the Acadiana Watershed District. IBERVILLE PARISH designates the Acadiana Planning Commission as the office of the Acadiana Watershed District's business operations and as the public fiscal agent and administering body to conduct daily operations as stated in Louisiana Act 323. IBERVILLE PARISH will assist in adopting the administrative steps to establish the Acadiana Watershed District Board of Commissioners and the bylaws of the District.

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was formed to promote drainage and flood-risk reduction within the boundaries of the district; to promote and support a unified effort to address drainage and flood issues in the region in cooperation with local, state, and federal agencies;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District has the responsibility to identify local public sources of revenue for project funding, watershed programming, and local match requirements for the provision of drainage and flood risk reduction projects;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Watershed District was established to cooperate with local, state, and federal entities engaged in planning and construction of drainage and flood reduction and mitigation projects in the state and region; and to cooperate with local and state entities engaged in establishing best practice development standards for flood-risk reduction and mitigation in the region;

WHEREAS, the foregoing coordination embraces outreach with local communities to build support for regional watershed management approaches, located within and outside of the district, that can more effectively address mounting water risks within the district boundaries;

WHEREAS, coordination among IBERVILLE PARISH and its district partners within the Acadiana Watershed District is critical to reducing flood risks and preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and property owners of IBERVILLE PARISH;

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Planning Commission is hereby designated as the public fiscal agent and administering entity for the Acadiana Watershed District and whose office shall serve as the domicile for the same

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Acadiana Watershed District will enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Acadiana Planning Commission for the purpose of IBERVILLE PARISH becoming a full participant and member of the Acadiana Watershed District and designating the Acadiana Planning Commission as the administrator for the Acadiana Watershed District.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 16th day of April, 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 16th day of April, 2024.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

The Boards and Commissions Committee met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:14 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Committee Members only in attendance: Dardenne, Frazier, Markins, Pierce, Smith, Jenkins.

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

- A) Appointment of Mr. Russell Jackson as a nominee board member to the Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD) Board
- B) Appointment of Ms. Dea Roberts as a nominee board member to the Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD) Board
- C) Appointment of Ms. Courtney Alvarez as a nominee board member to the Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD) Board

Upon a recommendation by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Markins, it was recommended to nominate Mr. Russell Jackson, Ms. Dea Roberts, and Ms. Courtney Alvarez to the Capital Area Human Services District Board. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call by Boards and Commission Committee Members only:

YEAS: Dardenne, Frazier, Markins, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The recommendation was declared adopted by the Chairman.

During the Regular Meeting:

Upon a motion by Councilman Pierce, and seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved to nominate Mr. Russell Jackson, Ms. Dea Roberts, and Ms. Courtney Alvarez to the Capital Area Human Services District Board. 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 the 16th day of April, 2024.

DISCUSSIONS

- A) None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN