

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

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 20th day of August, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 29th day of July, 2024 in The Advocate and posted on the Iberville Parish website.

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; Chasity Martinez, District 10; Charles Dardenne, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Bradford.

Chief Administrative Officer- Dwayne Boudreaux, Chief Operating Officer- Randall Dunn, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

Mr. Boudreaux read the following ordinances in entirety.

ORDINANCE 1

Ordinance to sell properties previously declared to be surplus by IPC Ordinance #016-17 to neighboring property owners pursuant to the terms of IPC Ordinance #002-13

ORDINANCE 2

Ordinance to establish minimum standards for outdoor storage facilities and contractor storage yards in Iberville Parish

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 6:14 p.m.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 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 August, 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 Operating Officer- Randall Dunn, 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 15th day of August, 2024. 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

A) None

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Iberville Boys Thirteen-year-old State Champions

- IRPD Director Erik Willis came before the council to introduce the team and their coaches. He recognized them for their accomplishments during their season. He said they are a group to watch because they are all very talented. Each player and coach were presented with a gift from the Parish President and the Parish Council.

B) Announcing candidacy for Mayor of City of Plaquemine – JB Barker

- JB Barker came before the council to introduce himself. He stated that he has a college education and that he formally worked for the Parish as director of Solid waste, and he was also executive director for the State Plumbing board serving under 3 Louisiana State Governors. He stated that he will take a “common sense” approach to serving as Mayor. He wants the council to know that he plans to have a working relationship with the Council and Parish Administration. He thanked the council for their time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of July 23, 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, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Pierce

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- He stated that he wanted to recognize two recent retirees, Trevor Alleman and Peter Vitale. Mr. Alleman could not be at the meeting but Mr. Peter Vitale was present and came before the Council. The Council congratulated him on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the Parish. He also recognized Alison Alvarado on 10 years of service with the Parish.
- He also announced that he promoted Mr. Keegan Sanchez to Operations Supervisor. Mr. Sanchez came before the Council and stated that he is ready to get to work and if the Council needs anything, please call him.
- He stated that Emergent Method has completed the organization chart and it will be presented to the Council at the September meeting.
- The courthouse move has started, the Social Service Department has moved to the Council on Aging.
- The renovations at the Grosse Tete welcome center are starting and that work is expected to be completed by December. The Swamp Expo is expected to be rescheduled to March of 2025.
- DOTD is stating that the Grosse Tete bridge is still being worked on and that they are still expecting it to be completed by December.
- There are a bunch of projects that in the works for Iberville Parish, Bayou Pigeon Boat ramp project will begin in October. Road repair improvements will begin in October as well. The contracts for the debris removal and Aquadam contracts are in place for hurricane season.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the council were sent their budget to actual financial statements. Chairman Jewell wants to hold a special 'Budget Hearing' in September or October.

OLD BUSINESS

IPC ORDINANCE # 005-24

ORDINANCE TO SELL PROPERTIES PREVIOUSLY DECLARED TO BE SURPLUS BY IPC ORDINANCE # 016-17 TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ORDINANCE # 002-13

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 # 016-17.

"Property 2" listed below, has been previously declared to be surplus by Iberville Parish Council Ordinance # 006-23.

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 #** 0610708400

Tax debtor: Katie Price Anderson

Location of property: LOT A RESUB LOT 20 & 26 OF LOT 5 GAY UNION
SUB SEC 11 T9SR12E ///CB 161 E 547,524

Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: William Scott Rhymer
and Lori Lejeune Rhymer

Suggested price: \$3500.00

2.) **Parcel #** 0410595400

Tax debtor: Charles R. Slaven

Location of property: TR D-2- RESUB OF TRACT D OF TRACTS A THRU G
FR BESSON LANE SEC. 21, T9SR1E. (LESS TR SOLD) ///CB 244 E 8

Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: Tim-Michael Germaine
Hasten

Suggested price: \$2500.00

BE IT ORDAINED that the properties 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 properties 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 July 23, 2024 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on July 29, 2024, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20th day of August, 2024, 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 Bradford, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, 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, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20th day of August, 2024.

IPC ORDINANCE # 006-24

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE FACILITIES AND CONTRACTOR STORAGE YARDS IN IBERVILLE PARISH

WHEREAS, a public nuisance is created if the outdoor storage of vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, truck campers, heavy equipment, portable storage containers, contractors' material and other goods for non-residential purposes is not regulated.

WHEREEAS, there is a need to establish minimum standards to govern outdoor storage of vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, truck campers, heavy equipment, portable storage containers, contractors' material and other goods for non-residential purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that the outside storage of vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, truck campers, heavy equipment, portable storage containers, contractors' material and other goods for non-residential purposes shall be permitted in the rear of the property beginning at the rear half of the building depth. This storage area shall be screened with a minimum eight-foot chain link fence using slats, permanently maintained, unless adjacent to a residential zone/area.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if the storage area is adjacent to a residential zone/area this use shall be screened from public view along the front, sides and rear by a 100 percent opaque eight-foot-tall screen consisting of wood, solid masonry, concrete or other material as approved by the department of planning and development.

- a. The height of the stored goods shall not exceed the height of the roof eaves or 15 feet, whichever is less;
- b. A buffer zone will be established between the operational areas and the adjoining property(ies) in accordance with the requirements contained in the Unified Development Code, Section 3: A-4 as it relates to minimum setbacks and Section 3: A-5 as it relates to fencing requirements. No storing, holding, processing of materials or any other work associated storage will be conducted within the designated buffer zone.
- c. A site plan shall be submitted to the department of planning and development prior to issuance of a permit. This plan shall indicate, at a minimum:
 1. Location of all structures on site including proposed structures.
 2. Proposed traffic movements and points of ingress and egress, including parking and sight triangles.
 3. Additional information shall be submitted as determined by the department of planning and development.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person or business will be required to obtain a permit to store vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, truck campers, heavy equipment, portable storage containers, contractors' material and other goods for non-residential purposes.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in order to obtain a permit, applicants must also provide to the parish permit office the following information, to wit:

- a.) The applicants must provide a written operational plan setting forth in detail the type of storage facility to be permitted, the materials or goods to be collected, material storage information and any processing methods typical for the business;
- b.) The applicants must provide a land survey showing the location of the facility along with the boundary lines, drainage plans and therein depicting the extent of the proposed operational area. The survey must show all locations of existing and proposed buildings, fences, processing areas and other relevant structures relating to the operation of the facility; and
- c.) If deemed necessary by the permit office, the applicants must provide a written environmental assessment study conducted by a civil engineer or environmental consultant licensed by the state.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if there are any changes to the applicant's operations after a permit has been obtained, the applicant must report these changes to the parish permit office and provide the same information as originally provided and go through the same process to obtain a revised permit to operate under this article.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following additional operating standards shall apply:

- a.) Materials collected in storage must be stored with like materials and must be stored in a manner to prevent the harboring of vectors and shall not create an unpleasant or unsightly view;
- b.) Water will not be allowed to collect or hold within the stored vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, truck campers, heavy equipment, portable storage containers and/or stored material to promote the breeding of rodents, vermin, roaches, mosquitos or other nuisances;
- c.) Rodents, vermin, roaches, mosquitos and other pests will be controlled on the premises by regular treatment of the site with insecticides and rodent bait.
- d.) Upon the discovery of by the parish building inspector that any person, corporation, company, partnership or other entity is in violation of this article, then such person, corporation, company, partnership or other entity shall be given 48 hours' written notice to cure or correct the violation and in failing to do so then to cease operations. If the violation continues after this notice and the passage of 48 hours from receipt of such a written notice, then the violators shall be subject to such criminal fines and civil penalties as may be provided for in this code.
- e.) The failure to comply with the above requirements or to obtain a permit to operate any outdoor storage of vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, truck campers, heavy equipment, portable storage containers, contractors' material and other goods shall be punished by a civil fine of \$500.00 per day for each day that the violation continues, each 24-hour period that a violation continues shall be a separate violation and subject to said fine of \$500.00 per day.
- f.) The violation shall be deemed to continue until all goods and material contained on the property have been removed from the property and/or a certificate of compliance has been issued by the parish permit office.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that an annual yearly renewal/updated permit shall be required as follows:

- a.) Each permit issued pursuant to this article will be for an initial one-year term. For all subsequent years, an annual renewal permit will be issued upon receipt of a certification from the permit holder that the original information contained in the initial permit application remains unchanged and the payment of the renewal permit fee of \$25.00
- b.) If there is any material change in the original information provided by the applicant to the parish government in order to obtain the initial permit, the permit holder shall at the time of any such change reapply to the parish permit office for a permit in the same manner as for obtaining the initial permit and an update permit fee of \$25.00 will be due.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance will not require the removal of any permanent structures in existence as of the date of enactment of this Ordinance which have historically used for the storage of vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, motor homes, truck campers, heavy equipment, portable storage containers, contractors' material and other goods for non-residential purposes.

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 July 23, 2024 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on July 29, 2024, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20th day of August, 2024, 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 Councilwoman Martinez, and seconded by Councilman Dardenne, 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, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20th day of August, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1. Ordinance to amend Section 3 of IPC Ordinance 002-13 to allow adjudicated properties to be sold to the highest bidder without setting a minimum bid
2. Ordinance implementing an ad valorem tax exemption for first responders who own and occupy homes in Iberville Parish

Upon a motion by Councilman Frazier, seconded by Councilman Smith, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, September 17, 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 August 20, 2024.

B) Proposed Substance Abuse Ministry Center – Pastor Kevin Snaril

- Pastor Kevin Snaril came before the Council and stated that he is working to help with addiction in Iberville Parish. He wants to start a faith based Christian Outreach organization to provide rehabilitation services for individual struggling with addiction.
- Councilman Pierce expressed that he was in support of this project, Councilwoman Martinez also expressed that she was in full support of this project.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, August 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, Markins, Martinez, Frazier, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: None.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Dunn:

- A) Resolution authorizing the preparation of the Iberville Parish 5-year Section 8 plan and execution of documents
- B) Resolution petitioning Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources to prioritize Iberville Parish in the Federal Orphan Well Remediation Program

Councilman Smith made a recommendation to forward the resolution to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Martinez. 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, Markins, Martinez, Frazier, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2024-0

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPERATION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH 5-YEAR SECTION 8 PLAN AND EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the Parish of Iberville to submit to HUD it's Five-Year Plan for the period of 2025 to 2029 and,

WHEREAS, said Plan requires the input of the Citizens of Iberville Parish,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iberville Parish Council authorize the Administrator of the Parish Section 8 Program, Roberto Macedo and Associates, to prepare said Plan and to schedule a Public Hearing to obtain citizens' input.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Iberville Parish Council that Chris Daigle, Parish President, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation related to that the Iberville Parish Council authorize the Parish President, Chris Daigle to execute the 2025-2029 Section 8 Five-Year Plan.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 20th day of August, 2024 by the following votes 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 the 20th day of August, 2024.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2024-

RESOLUTION PETITIONING LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRIORITIZE IBERVILLE PARISH IN THE FEDERAL ORPHAN WELL REMEDIATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, orphaned wells are oil or gas wells that have been abandoned by fossil fuel extraction industry that often pose a significant environmental risk by leaking oil or other pollutants that contaminate the air and water if left unsealed.

WHEREAS, the US Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management is leading the effort to remediate orphaned wells on Federal Land and State Land with funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act of 2021) which provides for 4.7 billion dollars nationwide for plugging of orphan well sites.

WHEREAS, through the US Department of Interior, the State of Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources has been granted \$25 million dollars toward plugging 4,600 orphan wells within the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, LA Department of Natural Resources has identified 68 of those wells as located within Iberville Parish as evidenced by attachment 2024-R-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Iberville Parish Council, meeting on August 20, 2024, petitions The Louisiana State Department of Energy and Natural Resources through Secretary, Tyler Gray to prioritize and consider to funding the plugging of orphan wells identified with Iberville Parish

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution along with a letter of support be forwarded to LA DNR Secretary Tyler Gray and Louisiana Governor Honorable Jeff Landry.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 20th day of August, 2024 by the following votes 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 the 20th day of August, 2024.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Easley, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN