

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024
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 19th day of November, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 21st day of October, 2024 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; 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.

Chief Administrative Officer- Dwayne Boudreaux, read the following ordinance in entirety.

ORDINANCE 1

**ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025
OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND
THE AMENDED 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH
COUNCIL**

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 W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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Absent:

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 14th day of November, 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) Presentations to Iberville Parish Fire Department Members

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen, seconded by Councilman Dardenne, it was moved that the addendum item will be added to the agenda under Presentations and Appearances. 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, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Presentations to Iberville Parish Fire Department Members

- Shaun Bordelon came before the council and presented the Council with a PowerPoint presentation on the 2024 TEEEX Industrial Firefighting School. He recognized Captain Katie Cressionie, Shelbi Johnson, and Shannon Clark that completed the training. He thanked the Council and a picture was taken.

B) Resolution of Condolence for George “Bert” Allain

- Chairman Jewell read aloud the resolution of condolences for Mr. George “Bert” Allain and presented it to his family. He thanked them for coming and a picture was taken.

C) Presentation by Iberville Parish Library Director Jennifer Seneca

- Ms. Jennifer Seneca came before the Council to ask for the Council’s support in calling an election for the renewal of a 4-mill ad valorem tax for a term of 15 years instead of 10 years. This 5-year extension will allow for her to make the necessary upgrades to all the libraries throughout the Parish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of October 15, 2024 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, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Daigle reported on the following:

- President Daigle stated that he wanted to acknowledge the work of the Finance department on their efforts to get the budget completed to present to the Council.

- They are in the process of getting bids on 2 new boom trucks for the Parish. One of those trucks will be strictly for the St. Gabriel area.
- The Grosse Tete welcome center renovations are on schedule and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.
- He stated that the Grosse Tete bridge is expected to be fully repaired in the next few weeks and will go back to normal operating hours.
- He reminded the Council about the Council on Aging Thanksgiving Lunch that will be held on Thursday.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the Council received their monthly budget to actual financial statements. He stated that sales taxes have started to level off.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Councilman Pierce it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Upon a motion by Councilman Smith at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved to go out of Executive Session. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

During the regular meeting:

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen, seconded by Councilman Morgan it was moved to Salary Grade change for the Council Clerk from a Grade 16 to a Grade 18 on the Salary Grade scale in the 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Smith, Pierce, Markins, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: Dominique, Frazier, Pierce, Jenkins, Martinez.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen, seconded by Councilman Frazier it was moved to increase the Travel allowance from \$4,000 per year per Council Member to \$5,000 per year per Council Member 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion by Councilman Smith at 7:13 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Easley it was moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a matter. 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, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen at 7:24 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, it was moved to go out of Executive Session. 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, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

During the regular meeting:

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen, seconded by Councilman Frazier it was moved to add \$50,000 in Capital Improvements for each Council District 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement. 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, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

IPC ORDINANCE # 011-24

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND THE AMENDED 2024 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, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, the 2024 amended and 2025 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 19th day of November 2024, 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 2025 budgets to the extent such funds are received by the Iberville Parish Council.

WHEREAS, the 2024 amended budget and the 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets having been duly submitted for public hearing on the 19th day of November 2024.

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

"That the 2025 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets for the Iberville Parish Council be approved and adopted with the following amendments; 1. Salary Grade change for the Council Clerk from a Grade 16 to a Grade 18; 2. Travel allowance increase from \$4,000 per year per Council Member to \$5,000 per year per Council Member; 3. \$50,000 in Capital Improvements for each Council District."

"That the 2024 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, 2025, in accordance with law."

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 15, 2024 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on October 21, 2024, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 19th day of November, 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 Pierce, 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, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 19th day of November, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

1) New Business

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1. Ordinance to merge precincts in Iberville Parish in accordance with Louisiana revised statute 18:532 and 18:533
2. Ordinance to restrict the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish

3. Ordinance to fully substitute and replace ordinance numbers 4-101, 4-136, and 9-61 through 9-66 of the compiled code of ordinances for the Parish of Iberville, pertaining to the removal and abatement of junked automobiles

Upon a motion by Councilman Dardenne, seconded by Councilwoman Easley, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, December 17, 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: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, November 19, 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 to declare legal holidays for 2025

Councilman Smith made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Frazier. 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- 00

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 1:55 and the Home Rule Charter, the Iberville Parish Council hereby approves the attached holiday schedule as public holidays for its employees.

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

“That the attached holiday schedule for 2025 is hereby approved for parish council employees, insofar as practical, and that those essential public safety personnel and employees whose service is necessary and indispensable and required for the efficient administration of parish government shall be required to work on said holidays.”

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 19th day of November, 2024, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Bradford.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 19th day of November, 2024.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN