

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 25th day of November, 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; 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.

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 MERGE PRECINCTS IN IBERVILLE PARISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 18:532 AND 18:533

ORDINANCE 2 ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IBERVILLE PARISH

ORDINANCE 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

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 6:10 p.m.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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 17th day of December, 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.

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 12th day of December, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADDENDUM

A) None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Resolution of Condolence for Weber John Perry

- Parish President Daigle read aloud the resolution of condolences for Mr. Weber John Perry and presented it to his family. He thanked them for coming and a picture was taken.

B) Presentation by Teach Lead updating Council on employee surveys

- Greg Sevcik and Leslie Blanchard with Teach Leading came before the council to presentation on the work that they have been doing with all Parish employees since January. Their goal is to strengthening employee engagements and communication in Iberville Parish. They conducted a series of surveys given to each employee over the course of the year. They saw great improvement in each area of their survey as the year went on. They thanked the Council for their time and look forward to continuing their work in Iberville Parish.
- A copy of their presentation is available upon request in the Council Office.

C) Recognition of Mason Pierre – Eagle Scout Recipient (Added after publication)

- President Daigle came before the Council to introduce Mason Pierre and recognize him for becoming an Eagle Scout at the age of 13 years old. Mason thanked the Council and President Daigle and a picture was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Markins, seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting on November 6, 2024 and the Regular Meeting on November 19, 2024. 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 stated that he wanted to recognize the years of service for Ricky Allen for his 15 years of service to the Parish of Iberville. He also recognized the retirement of Horace Jenkins with 29 years of service to the Parish of Iberville. Horace Jenkins is set to retire on December 31, 2024. President Daigle and the Council thanked both men for their years of service and dedication to the Parish.
- He stated that they the Grosse Tete welcome center renovation are on schedule and it should be ready in the earlier part of next year.
- The Belleview Park new bathrooms will be completed in January.

- The Sale Tax Department is almost complete and they will be moving soon and the Parish President office is back at the Courthouse.
- He stated that the Bayou Pigeon boat landing construction should begin in January. The Manchac road improvement project is in the design phase. The Hwy 1 in North Plaquemine railroad drainage project is in the engineer phase. The Hwy 1 in Dorseyville at Lacroix Rd, DOTD has notified the Parish that they are hopeful that they will get the notification that the funding will be allocated by the end of the year to complete that project.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dun stated that the Council received their budget to actual financial statements. The Council also received their final copy of the 2025 Adopted budget. Mr. Dunn read the following announcement out loud to the Council. Announcement of Public Meeting notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room, 2nd floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, the Iberville Parish Council plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein.

OLD BUSINESS

IPC ORDINANCE # 012-24

ORDINANCE TO MERGE PRECINCTS IN IBERVILLE PARISH IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 18:532 AND 18:533

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has the authority under R.S. 18:532.1 to change the configuration, boundaries or designation of its election precincts, and:

WHEREAS, it is necessary under R.S. 18:192 and 18:532 to canvass all precincts in the Parish and identify any precincts that have under three hundred (300) active voters, or over twenty-two hundred (2,200) active voters, and:

WHEREAS, under R.S. 18:532.B, the Parish must merge or consolidate all precincts that have under three hundred (300) active voters, and:

WHEREAS, as required by state statute, precinct surveys were conducted that identified those precincts that meet the requirements of R.S. 18:532 for merging or for consolidation with another appropriate polling location if merging of those precincts was not possible, and:

WHEREAS, the State has approved the merger of precincts in Section 1:

WHEREAS, these merged precincts are described in Section 2:

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has the final authority whether to merge or consolidate polling places, and:

WHEREAS, this ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2025, and:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council, that the following precincts are merged, as described in Section 1 and described in Section 2:

SECTION 1: PRECINCT MERGERS AND BOUNDARY CHANGES

The following precincts shall be merged or boundaries changed as follows:

1. **Precinct 22B will merge with Precinct 22 into new Precinct 22**

Polling Place Location:

Plaquemine Lions Club
60255 Bayou Jacob Rd
Plaquemine, LA 70764

2. **Precinct 15B will merge with Precinct 15A into new Precinct 15A**

Polling Place Location:

Library Building – Plaquemine
24605 J Gerald Berret Blvd
Plaquemine, LA 70764

SECTION 2: PRECINCT DESCRIPTIONS

New Precinct 22

Beginning at the intersection of the Iberville Parish boundary and the centerline of the Mississippi River, then west and south along the centerline to its intersection with an extension of Bayou Plaquemine, then west along the extension to its intersection with the bank of the Mississippi River, then north along the bank to its intersection with a shipping dock road near the coordinates (-91.227636, 30.313826), then north on the road to its intersection with Warren Rd, then southwest on Warren Rd to its intersection with Woodlawn Rd, then west on Woodlawn Rd to its intersection with the Missouri Pacific railway, then south on the railway to its intersection with Bayou Plaquemine, then southwest and west along the bayou to its intersection with Choctaw Bayou, then north along the bayou to its intersection with the Iberville Parish boundary, then east on the boundary to the point of beginning.

New Precinct 15A

Beginning at the intersection of Luckey St. and State Route 1, then south on SR 1 to its intersection with Bayou LaButte, then westerly, southerly, westerly and southerly along the bayou and its tributaries for approximately 8.11 miles to its intersection with the Wilber Canal, then north on the canal to its intersection with an unnamed canal near the coordinates (-91.292658, 30.199980), then east on the canal for approximately 1.57 miles to its intersection with an unnamed canal near the coordinates (-91.268813, 30.206010), then north on the canal for approximately 2.25 miles to its intersection with Belleview Dr, then northeast on Belleview Dr to its intersection with J Gerald Berret Blvd, then southeast on J Gerald Berret Blvd and its extension to an unnamed canal, then northeast for .54 miles, southeast for .14 miles and northeast for .863 miles along the canal to its intersection with the Missouri Pacific Railway, then south on the railway to its intersection with Luckey St, then northeast on Luckey St to the point of beginning.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on November 19, 2024 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on November 25, 2024, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of December, 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 Smith, and seconded by Councilman Markins, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays 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 17th day of December, 2024.

IPC ORDINANCE # 013-24

ORDINANCE TO RESTRICT THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IBERVILLE PARISH

WHEREAS, there is a need to restrict the discharge of firearms in certain inhabited areas of the Parish in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of all residents and individuals located within the Parish of Iberville;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that for purposes of this Ordinance the term “firearm” shall mean and include any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun or any other weapon or device from which a shot is discharged by an explosive or compressed air.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that it shall be unlawful for any person to fire, shoot or discharge any firearm within the territorial limits of subdivisions, mobile home parks, residences, business’ or other public facilities or within 500 feet thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this prohibition shall not apply as follows:

- (1) To sheriffs and their deputies, state and city police, agents of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries of the State of Louisiana, constables and town marshals, or other persons vested with police power when in the actual discharge of their official duties.
- (2) Where the shooting is justified as that term is defined under the provisions of R.S. 14:19 et seq., or other applicable provisions of state law.
- (3) To the activities of duly accredited courses and/or programs approved by the state in connection with its offering of a formal firearms education and safety program or courses of study as part of its curriculum.
- (4) To shooting of such weapons at an approved firing range. The term “approved firing range,” as used herein, means one whose use has been specifically approved by the Iberville Parish Council. Use of such ranges shall be subject to any conditions imposed by the Council after having given due consideration to the physical location, construction and makeup of such range.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this prohibition shall not affect the discharge of firearms within five hundred (500) feet of an owner’s dwelling by the owner thereof if there is no other inhabited dwelling, business or public facility within five hundred (500) feet of the place of discharge of said firearm;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned in the parish jail for not more than six (6) months, or both;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in addition to all other penalties, the court may order the firearm which has been discharged in violation of the terms of this section confiscated and destroyed or forfeited to the Iberville Parish Sheriff’s Office.

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 November 19, 2024 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on November 25, 2024, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of December, 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 Dardenne, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays on roll call:

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

NAYS: Morgan

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of December, 2024.

IPC ORDINANCE # 014-24

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE:

SECTION 1. Sections 4-101, 4-136, 9-61, 9-62, 9-63, 9-64, 9-65, 9-66 of the Iberville Parish Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Sec. 4-101. - Findings and declarations.

(a) In addition to and in accordance with the determination made and the authority granted by Louisiana law to secure and remove any building or other structure which, by reason of its nature or condition, endangers the public welfare or safety, La. R.S. 33:1236(49), relating to the repair and condemnation of buildings, dwellings, and other structures that have become derelict and present a danger to the health and welfare of residents of the parish, and La. R.S. 14:107.3, relating to criminal blighting of property, which means those commercial or residential premises, including lots, which have been declared vacant, uninhabitable, and hazardous by the administrative hearing officer, any such building or other structure which, by reason of its nature or condition, endangers the public welfare or safety, any such buildings, dwellings and other structures that have become derelict and present a danger to the health and welfare of residents of the parish, and any commercial or residential premises, including lots, which have been declared vacant, uninhabitable, and hazardous by the administrative hearing officer are hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance, which is expressly prohibited and which may be abated as such in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(b) For purposes of this article, any property defined as "blighted property," "derelict and dangerous," "otherwise dangerous to human life" or "vacant or not lawfully occupied" shall constitute a public nuisance. Additionally, any immovable property that contains any "junked item", as defined in Article IV of the Code of Ordinances, shall constitute a public nuisance. Any property that is determined to be a public nuisance, following due notice and a hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth herein or other applicable ordinances, shall be ordered by the hearing officer to be secured and repaired, or the violation corrected, or, depending upon the circumstances, shall declare the property condemned and order it to be demolished and removed. Additionally, the hearing officer shall have all such other authority as set forth hereinafter.

(Ord. No. 005-16, 4-19-16); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

Sec. 4-136. - Authority of hearing officer.

Hearing officers who have been duly appointed and sworn shall have the authority to hear and decide any alleged violation of any public health, housing (which shall also encompass the terms and applicable provisions of La. R.S. 14:107.3), fire code, environmental, and historic district ordinance, or any matters involving alleged violations pertaining to blighted and/or abandoned properties. Additionally, hearing officers shall also have the authority to hear and decide matters concerning alleged violations of Article IV the Parish's Code of Ordinances, relative to junked items.

(Ord. No. 006-16, 4-19-16); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

Sec. 9-61. - Purpose.

This article is enacted to regulate or prohibit the storing or abandoning of junked, wrecked or used automobiles or motor vehicles, or any part of parts thereof, or any other junk, discarded or abandoned major appliances, such as refrigerators, freezers, ranges or machinery or other metal, tin or other discarded items, on any lot, whether vacant or inhabited, or on any neutral ground, street, sidewalk, or servitude within the parish.
(Ord. of 7-28-98); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

Sec. 9-62. - Definitions.

For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense shall include the future; words used in the plural number shall include the singular number; and words used in the singular number shall include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

Junked item shall mean:

- (1) Junk, wrecked or used automobiles or motor vehicles, as hereinafter defined.
- (2) Any unused major electrical appliance and/or parts thereof, including, but not limited to, washing machines, clothes dryers, refrigerators, and freezers.
- (3) Machinery, equipment, or other movable items or parts thereof (other than junked motor vehicles and unused major electrical appliances) that are located on a lot of record and by reason of deterioration through rusting, rotting, or otherwise, have become inoperable and/or unreasonable for the purpose for which they were intended.

Junk, wrecked or used automobiles or motor vehicles shall mean any of the following:

- (1) any motor vehicle which, based upon a visual observation, appears inoperable and has not moved, under its own power, for at least sixty days. In the event a property owner demonstrates that the vehicle can operate under its own power, such vehicle will not be considered junked or wrecked under this provision.
- (2) any motor vehicle that is left unattended on any portion of any unoccupied or occupied lot, neutral ground, street, sidewalk, and is so damaged or dismantled as to be a total loss.
- (3) any motor vehicle stored on a portion of a lot that is visible from the nearest public road for at least sixty (60) days and that, due to the extent of visible damage or deterioration of the vehicle, cannot profitably be restored due to it having an estimated cost to repair that is greater than the current value of said vehicle, as indicated by any recognized online national appraisal book.

Motor vehicle shall mean any vehicle which is designed to be self-propelled and designed to travel along the ground and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, buses, motor bikes, motor cycles, mopeds, motor scooters, trucks, tractors, go-carts, golf carts, campers and trailers.

Occupant of the premises shall mean anyone residing on the premises in question. Any orders or notices require to be served on the occupant of the premises shall be considered served by mailing the same to the occupant at the address of the premises or by attaching the same to the front door of the residence in question.

Owner of the premises shall mean the person listed as owner of the premises in question according to the current parish property tax rolls, and his address shall be the last address shown on said rolls. Any orders or notice required to be served on the owner of the premises shall be considered satisfied by mailing said order or notice to the owner at his last known address.

Person shall mean an individual, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

Registered owner of the junked motor vehicle shall mean the last known owner as determined by inquiry with the Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles and as reflected in that department's registration records on the latest available license plate or VIN found on the motor vehicle.

(Ord. of 7-28-98; Ord. No. 008-17, 6-20-17); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

Sec. 9-63. - Notice.

(a) Service on the registered owner of the motor vehicle shall be made by mailing any order or notice to said owner at the last address reflected on the department of motor vehicles' records, as above stated. In any case where the department of motor vehicles' records reflect a security interest, such as a chattel mortgage or other lien as bearing against the motor vehicle, such security interest holder shall be mailed a copy of the notice or order which is served on the registered owner of the vehicle. This mailing to the security interest holder shall be mailed to the

address of the security holder as reflected by the department of motor vehicles' registration records referred to herein. In any case where there is no license plate attached to the vehicle in question or visible VIN number, the order or notice may be addressed to "registered owner" and attached to the vehicle itself, service being completed upon the attachment to the vehicle.

(b) In those cases where service of notices or orders are made by mail, service is completed upon the mailing and shall be proved by the certificate or authority mailing such notice or order.

(c) As an alternative to the foregoing manner of service, service of notices or orders called for in this article may be served as provided in Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure under article 1313 and/or article 1314 thereof.

(d) In addition to the methods of service set forth in Sec. 9-63(a) through (c), in the event a junked or wrecked motor vehicle is located on private property, service of any notice or order regarding said vehicle shall also be deemed valid and effective if mailed to the last known owner of record of the immovable property upon which the vehicle is located.

(Ord. of 7-28-98); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

Sec. 9-64. - Judicial order of abatement.

(a) If within fifteen (15) days after notification, the notice to abate has not been complied with, the parish may either file a petition for abatement in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court or refer the matter to the Parish's Bureau of Administrative Adjudication to have the offending junk items declared a public nuisance and to order their abatement. This proceeding shall be summary in nature and shall be directed against the owner of the premises, the occupant of the premises, or the owner of the motor vehicle, as set forth in Sec. 9-63. A hearing on the matter shall be provoked by a rule to show cause why the requested determination should not be made. Service of the rule to show cause shall be in the manner provided in section 9-63 of this article.

(b) If the evidence adduced at the hearing warrants the findings of a public nuisance, the judge or administrative hearing officer shall declare it such and order its abatement forthwith. The judge or administrative hearing officer shall also fix the reasonable cost of abatement to be assessed against the owner of the premises or vehicle.

(c) Notice of the hearing shall constitute notice of any order rendered at such hearing or pursuant to such hearing, and no further notice of the judicial or administrative order shall be required.

(d) The owner or occupant of the premises, and/or the registered owner of the motor vehicle, may appeal from the order of abatement. If the matter was initially heard by the 18th Judicial District Court, then the decision of the district court shall be final unless appealed within the time limit specified in the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure. If the matter was initially heard by the Bureau of Administrative Adjudication, the decision of the administrative hearing officer shall be final unless appealed to the 18th Juridical District Court, within thirty (30) days after the issuance of the written ruling by the administrative hearing officer.

(Ord. of 7-28-98); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

Sec. 9-65. - Failure to abate—Removal.

In the event the decision of the district court or administrative hearing officer is not appealed, and the public nuisance is not abated in compliance with the order of the district court within ten (10) days from the date of such order, the parish is authorized to enter the premises in question, to remove or cause to be removed the junked item, and to dispose of it as follows:

(1) Under the removal of any junked items by reason of a failure to comply with the judicial or administrative order of abatement, the junked item becomes the property of the parish without any liability whatsoever to that owner of the premises, the occupant of the premises, the registered owner, or any other party whatsoever.

(2) In the case of the removal of a junked motor vehicle, the parish shall convey the same to a scrap iron dealer, towing service, or dismantler, with title passing to such contractor upon delivery. Any such transferred shall be made only upon the condition that the junked motor vehicle is scrapped and in no event be resold as a complete motor vehicle or reconditioned so as to be returned to the streets in an operating condition.

(3) The director of general services is authorized to contract with one (1) or more scrap dealers, towing services, and/or dismantlers to provide for the removal of the junked motor vehicle as above specified, and on such terms as he deems are in the best interest of the parish with preferences being given to a removal at no charge to the parish.

(4) Upon the transfer of a junked motor vehicles as above specified, a certificate of transfer shall be given to the contractor and such transfer shall be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Louisiana, which report shall contain the location where the

junked motor vehicle was abandoned, any identification information available, the date of transfer and the name and address of the contractor to whom the vehicle was transferred for final inspection.

(5) Junked items, other than junked motor vehicles, upon their removal by the parish may be disposed of by the removal to a junk pile or dumping ground or by transfer to a scrap iron dealer willing to remove the said junked items at no cost to the parish.

(6) Any monies received by the director of general services for the junked items shall be deposited into the general fund of the parish.

(Ord. of 7-28-98); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

Sec. 9-66. - Same—Liability for cost of abatement.

The cost of abatement as determined by the order of the court or administrative hearing officer shall be the personal liability of the owner of the premises, the occupant of the premises and/or the registered owner of the junked motor vehicle, in applicable cases, and may be recovered by the parish by filing a civil suit against any or all of the responsible parties. As an additional means of collection, the director of general services may elect to send an attested bill of said costs and expenses to the Tax Collector of the Parish of Iberville, Louisiana, who shall add the amount of said bill to the next bill on the property in question. Said director of general services may also cause to be recorded in the mortgage records of the Clerk of Court of the Parish of Iberville, Louisiana, an attested bill showing the cost of removal and the place or property on which the nuisance existed so as to establish for the parish a lien and privilege securing the payment by the property owner of said charges, costs and expenses.

(Ord. of 7-28-98); (Ord. No. ***-24, 12-**-24)

SECTION 2. All former ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance or of the Code hereby adopted are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. The Parish Council of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this ordinance or of the Code hereby adopted be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the Parish Council that it would have passed all other portions of this ordinance, independent of the elimination of any such portion as shall be declared invalid.

SECTION 4. The ordinance shall take effect and be in force beginning on December 20, 2024.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on November 19, 2024 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on November 25, 2024, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of December, 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 Allen, 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, 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 17th day of December, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

- 1) Ordinance to amend section 16-4.a of the Iberville Parish code of ordinances to prohibit the installation of culverts or other structures known to obstruct drainage in Bayou Manchac, with exceptions for bridges or similar structures, for access between Iberville Parish and East Baton Rouge Parish

Upon a motion by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Dardenne, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinances.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following ye 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 ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of December, 2024.

B) Appointment of Chaucer Tademy as Director of Human Resources

- President Daigle came before the Council and gave a brief introduction of Chaucer Tademy and a brief background on her previous work.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen, seconded by Councilman Frazier, it was moved to appoint Chaucer Tademy as Director of Human Resources.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following ye 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 ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of December, 2024.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, December 17, 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. Boudreaux:

- A) Resolution to amend and rescind Resolution IPC # 2017-019 & Resolution IPC # 289-01 to provide for travel expense reimbursement to members of the Iberville Parish Council
- B) Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Amicus Brief in opposition to the East Grand Lake Project
- C) Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to vote upon proposed amendment to the Parish's current Home Rule Charter
- D) Resolution to allow Iberville Parish President, Chris Daigle to enter into an intergovernmental agreement, on behalf of Iberville Parish, by his signature, with East Baton Rouge Parish to improve drainage in Bayou Manchac from the Alligator Bayou "backwater" floodgate to LA Hwy 30

Councilman Pierce made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Dardenne, the recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following ye 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 #2024-030

RESOLUTION TO AMEND AND RESCIND RESOLUTION IPC # 2017-019 & RESOLUTION IPC # 289-01 TO PROVIDE FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT TO MEMBERS OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, members of the Iberville Parish Council in an effort to provide more effective service and to provide for increased knowledge related to governmental services and functions are eligible to attend various governmental seminars and programs offered by local, state and federal agencies.

WHEREAS, a policy is needed to provide for more effective administration of travel policies for members of the Iberville Parish Council.

WHEREAS, section 2-05-C of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter provides that Council members may be **reimbursed** for properly authorized itemized vouchered expenses incurred while conducting official business of the Parish Government, except that Council members shall not be reimbursed for travel within the Parish.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council is required to submit annually its operational budget which may include an amount for expenses incurred for official traveling/seminars/conferences by members of the Parish Council. The annual budget is set to include a maximum cap of **\$5,000.00** per Council member and Council Clerk per year for travel expenses.

WHEREAS, the following regulations shall provide for a more efficient administration of travel policies for Parish Council members while on official business as follows:

- 1) All travel must be authorized and approved in writing by the Council Chairman. A conference/convention is defined as a meeting for a specific purpose and/or objective and requires payment of a registration fee. Documentation required is a formal agenda and/or program.
- 2) The expenses of Parish Council members shall be limited to those expenses necessarily incurred by them in the performance of a public purpose authorized by law to be performed by the agency/public official and must be within the limitations prescribed herein.
- 3) All claims for reimbursement for travel/expenses shall be submitted on an approved form, and shall include all details provided for on the form. The form must be signed by the Parish Council member claiming reimbursement and approved by the Parish Council Chairman.
- 4) Documentation of the public purpose of travel shall be submitted in the form of a conference brochure, formal agenda, certificate of attendance, or conference name badge.
- 5) The Parish is strictly prohibited from advancing / paying any non-Council member expenses. Spouse or guest arrangements shall be made separately by personal method of payment.
- 6) Excepting where the cost of air transportation, conference, or seminar is invoiced directly

to the Parish Council, all expenses incurred on any official travel shall be paid by the council member and the itemized travel voucher shall show all such expenses in detail to the end that the total cost of the trip shall be reflected by the travel voucher. If the cost of the air transportation is paid directly by the Parish Council, a notation will be indicated on the travel voucher indicating the date of travel, destination, amount, and the fact that the airfare has been paid directly by the Parish Council. The Parish Council member's copy of the ticket shall be attached to the travel voucher.

- 7) In all cases, and under any travel status, costs of meals shall be paid by the council member and claimed on the travel voucher for reimbursement, and not charged to the Parish Council.
- 8) The maximum reimbursement amount for meals (including tip) as supported by itemized vendor receipts for the Parish Council members and Council Clerk shall be according to the following schedule:

Breakfast: \$30 (when travel begins before 6:00 a.m.)
Lunch: \$50 (when travel begins before 10:00 a.m. and extends after 2 p.m.)
Dinner: \$60 (when travel begins before 3 p.m. and extends after 7 p.m.)
- 9) Council members must indicate his/ her own meal items on itemized vendor receipts that claim guests of two (2) or more.
- 10) All claims for vouchered reimbursement should be presented within thirty (30) days after travel is completed, and the council member shall be reimbursed within thirty (30) days from receipt of complete, proper travel documentation.
- 11) Any council member who submits a claim pursuant to these regulations and who willfully makes any claim which he/she does not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter, or who willfully submits a fraudulent claim on any claim which is false as to any material matter, shall be guilty of official misconduct as well as being criminally and civilly disciplined by Louisiana law.
- 12) The most cost-effective method of transportation that will accomplish the purpose of the travel shall be selected. Among the factors to be considered should be length of travel time, cost of operation of a vehicle, cost and availability of common carrier services, etc. If companion fares are purchased for a council member, the reimbursement to the council member will be the amount of the lowest fare.
- 13) When two or more persons travel in the same personally owned vehicle, only one charge shall be allowed for the expense of the vehicle. A mileage allowance shall be authorized for approved automobile travel on the basis of the rate established by the Louisiana Division of Administration for use of personal owned vehicles.
- 14) Written authorization of the Council Chairman prior to departure is required for rental of vehicles, and such approval should be given when it is shown that vehicle rental is the only or most economical means by which the purposes of the trip can be accomplished, or the council member is not able to travel by airline.
- 15) The cost of public ground transportation such as buses, subways, airport limousines, and taxis is reimbursable when the expenses are incurred as part of approved Council travel and receipts shall be provided.
- 16) Parish Council members will be reimbursed on an actual expenses basis for meals and lodging except in cases where other provisions for reimbursement have been made by statute. The request for reimbursement must be accompanied by an official itemized vendor's receipt for each item claimed and shall not exceed the maximum meal allowances, and will be reasonable in relationship to the purpose of the travel. Meals such as continental breakfasts or airline meals are not to be considered meals.
- 17) No reimbursement shall be made for alcoholic beverages.

18) Parking for airport, hotels, etc. will be paid on actual expense basis and any such expense shall be documented by a valid receipt. Tips for valet parking shall be \$4 per in and \$4 per out. Tips for handling luggage at airport/hotel shall be \$2 per bag per in and per out for the travel.

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

That the above amended travel regulations/expenditures supersede any prior resolutions and be implemented by the Iberville Parish Council immediately.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 17th day of December, 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 the 17th day of December, 2024.

RESOLUTION IPC #2024-031

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN AMICUS BRIEF IN OPPOSITION OF THE EAST GRAND LAKE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council, acting as the governing authority for the Parish of Iberville, believes that it is its duty and responsibility to protect Iberville Parish's cultural heritage, economic drivers, and its natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of the Atchafalaya Basin lies within the territorial boundaries of the Parish of Iberville; and

WHEREAS, the Atchafalaya Basin plays a vital role in the cultural and economic health of Iberville Parish, as the Basin is used for hunting, fishing, recreation, drainage, tourism, and other important uses; and

WHEREAS, several years ago, the Parish became aware that the United States Army Corps of Engineers was contemplating a project within the Atchafalaya Basin, known as the Ecological Swamp Enhancement Project (hereinafter the "Project"), which Project was intended to improve water quality in East Grand Lake; and

WHEREAS, because the Parish believed that the East Grand Lake Project would negatively affect the environmental health of the Basin, the Parish adopted Resolution IPC No. 2022-023, which Resolution opposed the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, despite the Parish's opposition to the Project, the United States Army Corps of Engineers approved the necessary permit for the performance of the proposed work; and

WHEREAS, after the approval of the permit by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, various parties commenced a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, bearing Suit No. 3:24-cv-00381-BAJ-EWD, wherein the plaintiffs alleged that the Army Corps of Engineers did not properly vet the Project, and its effect on the Basin, before granting the permit for the performance of the work; and

WHEREAS, the Parish would like to make its opposition to the Project, and its reasons therefore, known to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberville, acting as the governing authority of Iberville Parish, that the Parish hereby authorizes

and directs its legal counsel to file, on behalf of the Parish, an Amicus Curiae brief with the Court setting forth its opposition to the East Grand Lake Project, and its reasons therefore.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 17th day of December, 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 the 17th day of December, 2024.

RESOLUTION IPC #2024-032

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, TO VOTE UPON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PARISH'S CURRENT HOME RULE CHARTER

BE IT RESOLVED by Iberville Parish Council (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (the "Election"), to vote upon proposed amendment to the Parish's current Home Rule Charter pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION

Shall Article II, Section 2-01(E) and Article III, Section 3-02(B) of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter be amended to limit the number of terms in office that may be served by Iberville Parish Council Members and the President of Iberville Parish to no more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms, as further set forth in Ordinance No. 002-24 of 2024, adopted by the Iberville Parish Council on May 21, 2024?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of **11,348** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **2,706** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of **8,642** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Iberville, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 17th day of December, 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 the 17th day of December, 2024.

RESOLUTION IPC #2024-033

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW IBERVILLE PARISH PRESIDENT, CHRIS DAIGLE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF IBERVILLE PARISH, BY HIS SIGNATURE, WITH EAST BATON ROUGE TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE IN BAYOU MANCHAC FROM THE ALLIGATOR BAYOU “BACKWATER” FLOODGATE TO LA HWY 30.

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac is a natural waterway that is located in “east” Iberville Parish that runs from the Mississippi River Levee at River Road (LA 327) westerly to the Amite River, the middle of Bayou Manchac’s channel also serves as the legal boundary that separates “east” Iberville Parish from East Baton Rouge Parish from its point of confluence with Alligator Bayou to the Mississippi River;

WHEREAS, “east” Iberville Parish and East Baton Rouge Parish both depend on Bayou Manchac as a main drainage; however, there has been little to no maintenance of the channel in several decades. Resultingly, this section of Bayou Manchac has become filled with excessive accumulations of storm related debris which increases flood risks in both Parishes;

WHEREAS, both “east” Iberville Parish and East Baton Rouge Parishes are experiencing a higher rate of growth associated with new residential and commercial developments, the Parishes anticipate increasing amounts of stormwater runoff draining into Bayou Manchac as natural land is replaced by impervious surfaces;

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac has been designated by State of Louisiana as a “Scenic and Historic River”, a designation that restricts certain activities such as channel maintenance, dredging, and clearing along the banks; however, during the 2021 Legislative Session through Act 368, the Louisiana Legislature temporarily lifted the “Scenic and Historic River” designation on Bayou Manchac to allow local governments to perform channel maintenance until August 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish and East Baton Rouge Parish both recognize, that now more than ever, the need and opportunity to do much needed channel maintenance in Bayou Manchac to remove the excess amounts of storm related debris from the channel in order to restore natural drainage to help accommodate increased amounts of stormwater runoff and reduce flood risk;

WHEREAS, both Iberville Parish and East Baton Rouge Parish have agreed to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to share in the cost for project planning, permitting, and to remove the excess storm debris from Bayou Manchac from a point beginning at the Alligator

Bayou "Floodgate" to LA 30, without changing its natural integrity and scenic values;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS: The Iberville Parish Council allows Iberville Parish President, Chris Daigle by resolution to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement, on behalf of Iberville Parish by his signature, with East Baton Rouge Parish to perform channel maintenance in Bayou Manchac (Alligator Bayou "Backwater" Floodgate to LA 30) to help improve drainage and reduce flood risk in "east" Iberville Parish.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 17th day of December, 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 the 17th day of December, 2024.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Allen, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN