

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025
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 20th day of January, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 23rd day of December, 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: 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: Allen, 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 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

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/ STEVE C. SMITH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

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 January, 2025.

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 16th day of January, 2025. 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.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Legal Counsel, Scott Stassi opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Iberville Parish Council.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominique, and seconded by Councilman Dardenne, it was moved to nominate Councilman Steve Smith for Council Chairman.

Upon a substitute motion by Councilman Bradford, and seconded by Councilwoman Allen, it was moved to nominate Councilman Matthew Jewell for Council Chairman. 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, Markins, Bradford, Jewell, Morgan.

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

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion Failed.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominique, and seconded by Councilman Dardenne, it was moved to nominate Councilman Steve Smith for Council Chairman. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Dominique, Frazier, Smith, Pierce, Jenkins, Martinez, Dardenne.

NAYS: Allen, Easley, Markins, Bradford, Morgan.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Councilman Steve Smith is declared Council Chairman. Chairman Smith thanked the Council for this honor and their support. He thanks Councilman Matt Jewell for his years of service as Chairman and congratulated vice chairman Raheem Pierce.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMAN

Legal Counsel, Scott Stassi opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Iberville Parish Council.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Martinez, and seconded by Councilman Frazier, it was moved to nominate Councilman Raheem Pierce for Council Vice Chairman.

The nominations were closed by acclamation.

Councilman Raheem Pierce is declared Council Vice Chairman.

ADDENDUM

A) None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Proclamation for Catholic Schools Week 2025

- President Daigle read the Proclamation for Catholic Schools Week and it was presented to the Principal of St. John School Cherie Schlatre. She thanked the Council for recognizing Catholic Schools Week and a picture was taken.

B) Resolution of Condolence for Guy Thomas

- President Daigle read the Resolution of Condolence to the family of Guy Thomas. His wife thanked the Council for recognizing her husband and the contributions he made to his community and a picture was taken.

C) Presentation by Randy Gomez with Woodlake Addiction Recovery Center

- Randy Gomez came before the Council to talk about reopening the facility here in Iberville Parish. He presented the Council with an information packet on what Woodlake is all about and what they offer. Councilwoman Chasity Martinez expressed her support for the need of a facility in Iberville Parish. She stated that people within the community have also expressed a need. She wants to build a relationship between Woodlake and The Iberville Parish Substance Abuse Center so that the community can be better served.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of December 19, 2024 and approve as written. 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, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Jewell, 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 started off by recognizing employees and their years of service to the Parish, Ramona Sanchez, 32 years; Randall Dunn, 27 years; John Overton, 27 years; Troy Collins, 25 years; Joanna Jungjohann, 15 years; Jason Landry, 10 years; Judith Pugh, 10 years; Sandra Pugh, 10 years; Cheryl Green, 5 years; Bazz Green III, 5 years; Gentil Nicholas, Jr, 5 years.
- Clint Moore came before the Council to give a presentation on the upcoming winter storm. Stating on Monday night until Friday night there will be freezing temperatures, which will not give time for the snow to melt.
- They hosted the monthly Mayors meeting in White Castle and David Hall have the mayors and update on the Sales Tax collection. It was also the first Mayor meeting for the new Mayors, Dana Alexander and JB Barker.

- The Bayou Pigeon Boat landing ground breaking will be on January 29th at 11 am. The Manchac Road project is expected to take 12-15 months to complete. The HWY 1 and Lacroix projected to take 18 months to complete.
- On February 5, the Parish will host the first African American History Program. On April 5, the Swamp Life Expo will take place at the Grosse Tete welcome center. April 12 will be 'Keep Iberville Beautiful' Clean up Day.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the Council has received their budget to actual financial statements. He presented the Council with a copy of the Amicus Brief in response to the East Grand Lake project. He then read the following announcement; Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 18, 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

ORDINANCE IPC# 001-25

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

WHEREAS, Bayou Manchac is a vital drainage channel for Iberville Parish, and its obstruction poses significant flood risks to communities such as St. Gabriel and the Sunshine area;

WHEREAS, culverts and similar installations are known to restrict water flow in Bayou Manchac, increasing flood risks, whereas properly designed bridges and similar structures can mitigate these risks;

WHEREAS, Section 16-4(a) of the Iberville Parish Code of Ordinances governs obstruction of waterways, drains, drainage canals and ditches requiring amendments to address specific concerns related to Bayou Manchac;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL OF IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA, that Section 16-4(a) of the Iberville Parish Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Amendment to Section 16-4.a

Section 16-4(a) of the Iberville Parish Code of Ordinances shall be amended to include the following language:

"In particular to Bayou Manchac, the installation of culverts, pipes, or any other structures known to obstruct normal water flow is prohibited. Exceptions are permitted for bridges or similar structures, such as retrofitted rail cars, provided such structures are designed to maintain or enhance water flow and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. This prohibition applies to access across Bayou Manchac from Iberville Parish into and/or out of East Baton Rouge Parish."

Enforcement and Compliance

All installations impacting Bayou Manchac must be reviewed and approved by the Iberville Parish Department of Public Works to ensure compliance with this provision. Violations of this section shall be subject to penalties as outlined in Section 16-4.c of the Iberville Parish Code of Ordinances.

Severability

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on December 17, 2024 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on December 23, 2024, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20th day of January, 2025, 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 Jewell, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following ye and nay vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20th day of January, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Ordinance to amend IPC Ordinance #013-24 restrict the discharge of firearms in unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish

B) Ordinance to Amend the 2025 General Fund Budget and authorize the Purchase of the White Castle Boat Landing Property from the Ella Leblanc Co. LLC

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Easley, seconded by Councilman Frazier, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Jewell, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20th day of January, 2025

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, January 20, 2025 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 urge and request that State Representative Chad Brown file a bill in the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to provide for the jurisdictional and election boundaries for the various Justice of the Peace and Constable districts in Iberville parish to be first effective for the 2026 regular elections for Justice of the Peace and Constable; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto

B) Resolution of the Iberville Parish Council approving Shintech Louisiana, LLC for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program in Iberville Parish, Louisiana

- C) Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.
- This resolution was passed on by the committee.
- D) Resolution to authorize parish president to submit an application under the community water enrichment fund (CWEF)
- E) Resolution authorizing the president to submit an application for the state of Louisiana Division of Administration Community Development Local Government Assistance Program
- F) Resolution establishing two temporary registrar of voter branch offices for conducting early voting in North Iberville and East Iberville
- G) Resolution ordering and calling a special election to fill the vacancy of the Constable, Ward 4, of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, and taking other matters in connection therewith
- H) Resolution to appoint member to fill vacancy for Iberville Parish Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4

Councilwoman Jenkins made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Morgan. 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 this item to the regular meeting.

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC # 2025-001

RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHAD BROWN FILE A BILL IN THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE JURISDICTIONAL AND ELECTION BOUNDARIES FOR THE VARIOUS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLE DISTRICTS IN IBERVILLE PARISH TO BE FIRST EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2026 REGULAR ELECTIONS FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides that the territorial jurisdiction and election boundaries for the various Justice of the Peace Courts in Louisiana are established by an Act of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictional and election boundaries of the various Justice of the Peace Courts in Iberville Parish have remained, essentially, unchanged for decades; and

WHEREAS, in order to better serve the people of Iberville Parish there is a need to adjust the jurisdictional and election boundaries for the various Justice of the Peace Courts in Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Government has undertaken to engage demographic experts to assist in crafting new jurisdictional and election boundaries for the various Justice of the Peace Courts in Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, the existing elected Justices of the Peace and Constables were invited to, and did, participate in the crafting of proposed new districts that meet the demographic needs of the people of Iberville Parish and which align with established precinct boundaries, which improve the administration of the 2026 regular elections for the various Justice of the Peace Courts in Iberville Parish; and

WHEREAS, the existing elected Justices of the Peace and Constables are supportive of the proposed new districts which are further defined in the attached report entitled “Plan A – Iberville JOPs and Constables and the attached map displaying the proposed new districts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council that State Representative Chad Brown is urged and requested to have drafted, file, and take all actions necessary to see to the enactment of a bill in the 2025 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature to adopt the proposed new jurisdictional and election boundaries for the various Justice of the Peace Courts in Iberville Parish, as defined and represented in the attachments hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council that Secretary of the Iberville Parish Council provide a certified copy of this Resolution, with attachments to State Representative Chad Brown.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 20th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on January 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2025-002

RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM IN IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Article 7, section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and R.S. 36:104 provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”) with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”) Tax Exemption Application #20220043 ITE- \$50,191,511.00 and has approval of the BCI for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, ITEP contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation or retention at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, and that the percentage of exemption be 80% for a term of five years, renewable for an additional term of five years from ad valorem taxes in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of

Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC with respect to the Legacy Expansion of Shintech Louisiana LLC Plaquemine SPP3 Site. Construction related to an expansion of existing shipping dock. 2nd berth to allow for loading of barges and ocean going vessels simultaneously. Includes pilings, loading racks, walkways, piping foundation work, rail tracks, cross ties, switching capabilities, monitoring equipment and security. The expansion of the Shintech Louisiana LLC Plaquemine SPP3 site located in IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA based on the following conditions:

A. Performance Objectives/Job Creation or Retention Requirements

Full-Time Equivalent Construction Jobs-90

Retention of 529 Jobs with an annual Payroll of at least \$72,739,268

Total Estimated Investments-25,500,00.00

B. Industrial Tax Exemption of Iberville Parish Ad Valorem Taxes

In the event that SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC fails to complete its project, or fails to timely meet its performance objectives and/or job creation/retention requirements, including but not limited to the retention of the required number of jobs or the achieving or maintaining of payroll amounts within the time and for the term agreed, as specified in its award agreement; if SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC ceases its operations, reduces its employment numbers or payroll amounts to less than 100% of the required amounts; such shall constitute a default under the award agreement, and LED and IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL shall retain all rights to modify the terms and conditions of the incentive.

The IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 20th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Allen.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on January 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC# 2025-003

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER THE COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF)

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development will be accepting applications for the FY 2024/2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to submit a CWEF Application for VFD, Invertor Motor and Spare Motor/Pump to service new well and Bayou Blue and to execute all assurances and certifications required for the application; and,

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 20th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on January 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC # 2025-004

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Parish of Iberville has been informed that the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development will be accepting applications for FY 2024/2025 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to submit an LGAP Application for Portable By-Pass Pump to service all sewer lift stations and execute all assurances and certifications required for the application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is hereby authorized to work with Pan American Engineers, LLC on the development of the LGAP Application.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 20th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on January 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC # 2025-005

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TWO TEMPORARY REGISTRAR OF VOTER BRANCH OFFICES FOR CONDUCTING EARLY VOTING IN NORTH IBERVILLE AND EAST IBERVILLE

WHEREAS the Iberville Parish Government recognizes the importance of providing accessible voting opportunities for its residents; and

WHEREAS the establishment of temporary Iberville Parish Registrar of Voter branch offices to conduct early voting as provided by law at the locations of:

Location 1

North Iberville/Rosedale Community Center
75700 Rosedale Rd.
Rosedale, LA 70772

Location 2

East Iberville/St. Gabriel Community Center
1400 Gordon Simon Leblanc Dr.
St. Gabriel, LA 70776

Will enhance voter participation and convenience; and

WHEREAS, The Iberville Parish Budget has included in its 2025 budget all line items necessary to cover equipment, operational and supply costs to adequately and sufficiently staff both locations during early voting periods; and

WHEREAS the Iberville Parish Government acknowledges that adequate time is needed to prepare these satellite locations for operation; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Registrar of Voters and the Louisiana Secretary of State Office of Elections have expressed their willingness to collaborate in this initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Government has been working with the Louisiana Secretary of State Office of Elections and the Registrar of Voters to ensure that the temporary branch offices to conduct early voting will be available starting with the early voting period leading up to the May 3, 2025, election.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council authorizes the establishment of two temporary Registrar of Voter Branch Offices located at the North Iberville/Rosedale Community Center and the East Iberville/St. Gabriel Community Center.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 20th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on January 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC # 2025-006

RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE CONSTABLE, WARD 4, OF THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND TAKING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of the Constable, Ward 4, of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, caused by the resignation of the Honorable John “JB” Barker on January 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it is in the desire of this Council to call an election to fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S.18:602; and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iberville Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. A special election to fill the vacancy existing in the office of Constable, Ward 4, of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, is ordered and called to be held on October 11, 2025 (Primary) and November 15, 2025 (General) with qualifying dates July 9, 10 & 11, 2025.

SECTION 2. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Jeff Landry, Governor of the State of Louisiana, requesting that a special election be called for the purpose of filling the vacancy described herein to be held on October 11, 2025 (Primary) and November 15, 2025 (General) with qualifying dates July 9, 10 & 11, 2025.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of State and the Clerk of Court and the Registrar of Voters of Iberville Parish in order that they may take the necessary actions to conduct the desired election.

SECTION 4. The Clerk is authorized to take any action necessary or proper to carry out the intent of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 20th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on January 20, 2025.

RESOLUTION IPC # 2025-007

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MEMBER TO FILL VACANCY FOR IBERVILLE PARISH CONSTABLE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WARD 4

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy in Iberville Parish Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4 due to the resignation of John 'J.B.' Barker, effective on January 1, 2025 to commence his term as newly elected Mayor of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is in the desire of this Council to make an appointment to fill the vacancy in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S.18:602; and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto,

WHEREAS, if the vacancy in the Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4, occurs more than eighteen (18) months before the expiration of the term, the appointee named by a favorable vote of the majority of the Parish Governing Authority shall serve until the office is filled by the vote of the qualified voters voting in an election called by the Parish Council for that purpose and the person duly elected assumes the vacant Constable position.

WHEREAS, THERESE D. BARKER, meets the qualifications to serve as a Constable for Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4 and has expressed a desire to fill the vacant seat until such time as the special election can be held and the elected Constable assumes the office for Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4.

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

“That THERESE D. BARKER be and is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy for Iberville Parish Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4, upon fulfilling the requirements of law and shall continue to serve until a special election is held to fill the unexpired term of the Constable, Justice of the Peace for Ward 4.

That a special election be held on October 11, 2025 (primary) and November 15, 2025 (general) to fill the vacancy for Iberville Parish Constable, Justice of the Peace Ward 4 with the qualifying dates to be July 9, 10 & 11, 2025 according to Louisiana law.

A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded immediately to the Louisiana Secretary of State, Elections Division, the Iberville Parish Clerk of Court and the Iberville Parish Registrar of Voters in accordance with law.”

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 20th day of January, 2025 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on January 20, 2025.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

The Boards and Commissions Committee met on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:20 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Committee Members only in attendance: Dardenne, Frazier, Markins, Pierce, Smith, Jenkins.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

A) Appointment of Catherine Williams to the Iberville Parish Library Board of Control

Upon a recommendation by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Smith, it was recommended to appoint Catherine Williams to the Iberville Parish Library Board of Control. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following ye and nay votes on roll call by Boards and Commission Committee Members only:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The recommendation was declared adopted by the Chairman.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Jenkins, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ STEVE C. SMITH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN