

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, held a Public Hearing in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 23rd day of September, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 25th day of August, 2025 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; Charles Dardenne, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Bradford, Martinez.

Councilman Bradford & Councilwoman Martinez arrived after roll call.

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

Mr. Boudreaux & Mr. Dunn read the following ordinance in entirety.

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| <u>ORDINANCE 1</u> | <u>ORDINANCE TO ADOPT UNIFORM WATER AND SEWER RATES
WITHIN THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE</u> |
| <u>ORDINANCE 2</u> | <u>ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2025 TOURISM SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 FROM THE STATE
OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE RECREATION AND
TOURISM</u> |
| <u>ORDINANCE 3</u> | <u>ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11-1 OF ARTICLE 1 OF
CHAPTER 11 OF THE COMPILED ORDINANCES OF IBERVILLE
PARISH, RELATIVE TO THE PERMISSIBLE HEIGHT OF GRASS
AND WEEDS</u> |

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 6:18 p.m.

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**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025**

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 23rd day of September, 2025.

The Council Chairman, Steve C. Smith, 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:

Parish President- Chris Daigle, Chief Administrative Officer- Dwayne Boudreaux, Chief Operating Officer- Randall Dunn were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in The Advocate newspaper on the 18th day of September, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Smith called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. No one registered to speak.

ADDENDUM

A) None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A) IPRD Update from Director Erik Willis
- This item was passed on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of August 19, 2025 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, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Dardenne, Jewell, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Martinez.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Daigle reported on the following:

- He recognized Clayton Howard for 20 years of service, Kristi McPhate for 10 years of service and Charles Neely for 5 years of service to Iberville Parish.
- The HWY 1 drainage project is still ongoing due to the City's water line. They are coming up with a plan to move forward with the project and not interfere with the City's water line.
- The new boom truck is coming in this week and the other one should be coming in soon. Crews are working to clear any main drainage ditches in the Parish to prepare for hurricane season.
- They Hwy 30 school zone safety flashing sign has been approved by the State, the Bayou Pigeon Boat Launch should be completed by the end of the year, the speed limit caution signs have been begging to be installed around the Parish, the Bayou Blue water park contract has been signed and work should start in the next 30-60 days. The library renovations will start soon at the smaller branches, the St. Gabriel drainage ditch behind Margaret drive should begin soon, just waiting on the right of way before work can begin. The State is changing the 3 bridges on Hwy 404 and the Callegan Road bridge.
- He stated that these are a few grants that the Parish has received over the last few months, Grosse Tete Bayou Clean up for \$900,000, the Greener Grounds Grant, for \$3,000, the Seymourville Drainage Ditch grant for \$300,000.
- There are some upcoming events that he wanted to highlight as well, on October 4 will be Employee Family Fun Day, October 21 will be Wear Pink Day, and November 11 will be the Veterans Day event.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the council were sent their budget to actual financial statements. The budget ordinance will be introduced next month and set for public hearing for November.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 000-25

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT UNIFORM WATER AND SEWER RATES WITHIN THE PARISH OF IBERVILLE

Upon a motion by Councilman Dardenne, seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved to reset this matter for a public hearing be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez,
Dardenne, Jewell, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on September 23, 2025.

ORDINANCE IPC# 000-25

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2025 TOURISM SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE RECREATION AND TOURISM

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has identified the need to maintain the Plaquemine Lockhouse

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Finance Department certifies that with this amendment and acceptance of state funding there are funds available in the Tourism Special Revenue Fund to maintain the Plaquemine Lockhouse; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council recognizes that the maintenance of the Plaquemine Lockhouse is needed in order to operate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council that the 2025 Tourism Plaquemine Locks Special Revenue Fund Budget amended as follows:

1. An additional amount of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) is hereby appropriated in the Tourism Plaquemine Locks Special Revenue Fund in the following revenue account
Tourism Plaquemine Locks Special Revenue Fund – 118, IGR - Operating - Culture, Recreation, Tourism - 1355, Plaquemine Locks Account – 7254, State Grants – Culture, Recreation & Tourism - 433035
2. An additional amount of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) is hereby appropriated in the Tourism Plaquemine Locks Special Revenue Fund in the following expenditure account
Tourism Plaquemine Locks Special Revenue Fund - 118, Culture and Recreation - 55, Plaquemine Locks Account - 7254, Maintenance Miscellaneous – 526900.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on August 19, 2025 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on August 25, 2025 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 23rd day of September, 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 Bradford, and seconded by Councilman

Markins, 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, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Jewell, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 23rd day of September, 2025.

ORDINANCE IPC# 000-25

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 11-1 OF ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE
COMPILED ORDINANCES OF IBERVILLE PARISH, RELATIVE TO THE
PERMISSIBLE HEIGHT OF GRASS AND WEEDS**

**WHEREAS, the legislative power of the Parish Government is vested in the Parish Council;
and**

**WHEREAS; the Parish Council has the authority to enact and amend ordinances providing
for the safety, health, and welfare of the residents of Iberville Parish; and**

**WHEREAS, in order to provide for the safety, health, and welfare for individuals living in
Iberville Parish, the Parish has historically regulated the permissible height of grass on
properties located within the Parish; and**

**WHEREAS, the Parish Council desires to amend its ordinance regulating the height of grass
and weeds within the Parish.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE PARISH OF
IBERVILLE:**

SECTION 1. Section 11-1 of Article I of Chapter 11 (Health & Sanitation) of the Compiled Ordinances of the Parish of Iberville is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 11-1 – Trimming of weeds and grass; notice to cut; causing to cut and
collecting of cost.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any tract of land, which tract of land is located adjacent to another tract containing a residential or commercial building, to allow the height of any weeds or grass located on said property to exceed nine (9) inches in height. This provision shall not apply to portions of land that are properly planted and cultivated for agricultural purposes, pastureland upon which livestock is routinely present, or forested areas.
- (b) Upon notification to the parish council that an owner of a lot or lots is in violation of subsection (a), the council will notify said owner by registered or certified letter and by placing a sign, which sign is at least one square foot in area, within the road right of way of the property being investigated, notifying him of the violations and that the grass and obnoxious weeds must be cut and removed within fifteen (15) days. In the event the certified/registered letter is delivered to the owner's address, the fifteen (15) day period shall run from the date of the delivery of the letter. In the event the certified/registered letter is undeliverable or unclaimed, the fifteen (15) day period shall run from the date the sign was posted in the right-of-way.
- (c) If after fifteen (15) days the owner of said lot has not cut and removed the grass and obnoxious weeds, the council shall have authority to have such grass and obnoxious weeds cut and removed by a private contractor who will be chosen from the lowest quote or by the use of council manpower and equipment.

- (d) The lot owner then will be charged twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per lot plus the cost of the private contractor, if a private contractor is used by the council. If the council uses its own manpower and equipment to cut and remove the grass and obnoxious weeds, the parish manager shall determine the cost. Upon completion of such work by a private contractor or by the council, the parish manager shall prepare a certificate showing the cost of such work, the name of the owner and a description of the property and shall mail a copy of said certificate to the property owner. If the charges are not paid within fifteen (15) days of the date of mailing of the copy of the certificate, the parish manager shall file a certified copy of said charges with the parish tax collector to be added to the annual ad valorem tax bill of the property involved.
- (e) The Iberville Parish Council may undertake the cutting, destruction or removal of noxious grass/weeds or other deleterious, unhealthful, or noxious growths on any property within Iberville Parish, excluding the boundaries of any municipality, on a monthly basis or as necessary, without the notice required in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, if the property owner liable has been notified pursuant to said subsections (b) and (c) at any time during the immediately preceding twelve-month period and has failed to do the work himself or after having an opportunity to do so. Prior to undertaking any additional cuttings within the twelve-month period, the Parish shall post, for five consecutive days prior to the cutting, a sign on the property notifying interested parties of the current violation and need to remedy same. The sign shall be at least one square foot in area. Additionally, prior to undertaking such additional cuttings, the parish governing authority, through its designated inspector shall file and record an affidavit signed by the inspector at its administrative office with the Iberville Parish Clerk of Court, which affidavit shall include the following information:
- (1) Description of the property sufficient to reasonably identify it.
 - (2) A date-stamped photograph of the property sufficient to reasonably identify its unsafe or unsanitary condition and to justify the necessity for cutting, destroying, or removing weeds, grass or other noxious growths.
 - (3) A statement that the property owner liable has within the past twelve (12) months failed to do such work after proper notification and opportunity to do so pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

Within sixty (60) days of the parish or its designee performing the necessary work to abate the noxious weeds or grass or other deleterious, unhealthful, or noxious growths, the parish shall file a notice of lien/privilege in the Iberville Parish Mortgage Record, in accordance with law.

(Res. of 8-1-72; Ord. of 6-21-88, § 1; Ord. of 10-15-96; Ord. of 10-17-06; Ord. No. ** of 2025, 9-16-25)

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 October 1, 2025.

SECTION 5. The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the regular meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on August 19, 2025, and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on August 25, 2025, the public hearing on this ordinance will be held on the 23rd day of September, 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 Dardenne and seconded by Councilman Pierce, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 23rd day of September, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1. Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of [not exceeding \$9,000,000] of Limited Tax Bonds (Library) of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. *Set for Public Hearing on October 21, 2025*

Upon a motion by Councilman Bradford, seconded by Councilman Frazier, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, October 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 yea 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 motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on September 23, 2025.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 6:18 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Jewell, Dardenne, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Martinez, Frazier, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: None.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Dunn:

A) Resolution adopting the Annual Certification of Compliance with the State of Louisiana Off System Bridge Replacement Program

Councilman Jewell made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Martinez. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call by Resolution Committee Members only:

YEAS: Jewell, 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# 2025- 000

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA OFF SYSTEM BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations, as enacted by the United States Congress, mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected, rated for safe load capacity, and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each state; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post those bridges under the authority of Iberville Parish, in accordance with those Standards, is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Iberville Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Iberville Parish (herein referred to as the Parish) that the Parish in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) that for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all parish-owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory;
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish will be structurally analyzed and rated by the Parish as to the safe load capacity in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Manual for Bridge Evaluation. The load posting information that has been determined by DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State Law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above will be critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information will be updated by the Parish to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings, or any missing structural ratings;
3. All Parish-owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closing will be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Load Rating Directives. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting; and
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the Parish are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the Parish by the DOTD are noted.
5. All bridges owned and maintained by the Parish are accessible to DOTD for all routine bridge inspections. Parish will clear vegetation as required upon DOTD request.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Program.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session on this 23rd day of September, 2025 by the following votes on roll call:

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 the 23rd day of September, 2025.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

a) *Approve* Consideration of re-subdivision for Trenny Barbato

Upon a motion by Councilman Morgan, seconded by Councilman Jenkins, it was moved to approve as is. 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, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on September 23, 2025

b) *Approve* Consideration of re-subdivision for John W. Blanchard

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Allen, seconded by Councilwoman Martinez, it was moved to approve as is. 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, Pierce, Jenkins, Markins, Bradford, Martinez, Dardenne, Morgan, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on September 23, 2025

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Allen, and seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ STEVE C. SMITH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN