

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 19th day of November, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 28th day of October, 2025 in The Advocate and posted on the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Steve C. Smith, 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: Pierce, Markins, Morgan.

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

Chief Operating Officer- Randall Dunn, read the following ordinance in entirety.

ORDINANCE 1

**ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026
OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND
THE AMENDED 2025 OPERATING AND CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH
COUNCIL**

The floor was opened to comments and questions. There was no opposition to this ordinance from the public.

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ STEVE C. SMITH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 18th day of November, 2025.

The Council Chairman, Steve C. Smith, called the hearing to order 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- Nedi Morgan were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in The Advocate newspaper on the 13th day of November, 2025. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Smith called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. Dianne Chauffe, DJ Wunstell, Erik Kelley, and Louis Kelley, Sr., all registered to speak.

ADDENDUM

A) None.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- A) Proclamation for the 2025 Evangeline Queen – Calise Ann Landry
- Parish President Daigle read the proclamation aloud, honoring Miss. Calise Ann Landry as Miss Evangeline for the 57th Annual Acadian Festival. She thanked the Council for the recognition and a picture was taken.
- B) Presentation by the Atchafalaya Basinkeeper Dean Wilson
- Dean Wilson, the Atchafalaya Basinkeeper came before the Council to speak about the Basin Management plan for the flood protection and coastal restoration. He also stated that they will be hosting a meeting on December 10, 2025 at the Bayou Pigeon Heritage hall on the sedimentation in the Atchafalaya Basin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of October 21, 2025 Regular Meeting and approve as written. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Frazier, 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:

- President Daigle started by recognizing the following for their dedicated years of service to Iberville Parish; the retirement of Charlene Siplin, the Director for the Council on Aging, 18 years of service. He also recognized Charlotte Scott, 27 years; Karen Ennis, 15 years; Amy Bunch, 5 years; Rebecca Lirette, 5 years; and Dinesha Fernandez, 5 years.
- He stated that the Hwy 1 lighting project from Jubilee to MSA West, that the permits are in and they are waiting on the City of Plaquemine and Entergy for plans and installation, both have to replace some existing poles along the road.
- The Bayou Grosse Tete debris clean-up project is going out for bid soon. The Parish also received a \$30 million restoration for Bayou Manchac project through the Amite River Basin Commission.
- He stated that there are a few upcoming community events that he wanted to let the Council know about, on November 24 there will be a Gobble Wobble for Autism at the Belleview Park, on December 9 and 10 in St. Gabriel and Plaquemine DOTD will be posted a Bridge Update Meeting. The final Master Plan Community meeting will be on November 19 in Plaquemine at the Civic Center.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the Council received their monthly budget to actual financial statements. He stated that as of December 2025 he will no longer serving on the Iberville Planning and Advisory Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

IPC ORDINANCE # 017-25

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND THE AMENDED 2025 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter Sections 5-03 and 5-05 provide that the Iberville Parish Council shall adopt annually an operating budget and a capital improvement budget for the fiscal year of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the 2025 amended and 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets have been presented to the Iberville Parish Council and the General Public, and a public hearing will be held on the budgets and all proposed modifications, if any, on the 19th day of November 2024, at 6:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Department of Finance has submitted for appropriation requests to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, all requests for capital outlay funding for Parish projects, the Governor's Office of Rural Development, Department of Transportation & Development, Department of Labor, Department of Military Affairs, and Department of Health & Hospitals, and while it is not presently known if the requests will be approved and funded, the State funds shall be included in the 2026 budgets to the extent such funds are received by the Iberville Parish Council.

WHEREAS, the 2025 amended budget and the 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets having been duly submitted for public hearing on the 18th day of November 2025.

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

"That the 2025 Amended Budget be approved and adopted."

"That a copy of the budgets shall be on file with the Iberville Parish Council Clerk and open for public inspection in accordance with law."

"That this ordinance be published in accordance with the provision of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter, and that the approved budget shall become effective January 1, 2026, in accordance with law."

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 21, 2025 and a copy thereof having been published in the official journal on October 28, 2025, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 18th day of November, 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 Pierce, and seconded by Councilwoman Jenkins, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: Allen, Dominique.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of November, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

1) New Business

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1. Ordinance to accept certain private roads into the parish's road system

- Dianne Chauffe came before the Council in opposition of the proposed ordinance, she stated that we as a Parish should follow the standard for roads that are currently in place to ensure that the roads in a neighborhood will be nice and up to standards. She stated that the developers that have made huge investments in developing subdivisions and follow the Parish rules for building a road at their expense and now the Parish is going to give it away.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dardenne, seconded by Councilwoman Martinez, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinances.

On a substitute motion by Councilman Jewell, seconded by Councilwoman Allen, it was moved to table the introduction of the Ordinance.

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Markins, Bradford, Jewell.

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

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The substitute motion failed.

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

NAYS: Allen, Jewell.

ABSTAIN: Easley.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of November, 2025.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Jewell, Dardenne, Jenkins, Markins, Martinez, Frazier, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Pierce.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Boudreaux:

A) Resolution to declare legal holidays for 2026

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Pierce.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2025 - 034

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2026

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

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

“That the attached holiday schedule for 2026 is hereby approved for parish council employees, insofar as practical, and that those essential public safety personnel and employees whose service is necessary and indispensable and required for the efficient administration of parish government shall be required to work on said holidays.”

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 18th day of November, 2025, by the following vote on roll call;

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 18th day of November, 2025.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

- A) *Approve* Consideration of variance for Donnie Bujol
- B) *Approve* Consideration of re-subdivision for Yuri Melendes
- C) *Approve* Consideration of re-subdivision for Purpera & Dupont
- D) *Approve* Consideration of re-subdivision for Clayton Hurdle
- E) *Approve* Consideration of re-subdivision for Agnes Ward Estate

- Louis Kelley came before the Council in opposition of the proposed re-subdivision for Yuri Melendes. He stated that they are not good neighbors, the grass is always high, they do not have the proper septic tank system. They placed one of the trailers there without approval and had someone living in one of the trailers without water and electricity.
- Eric Kelley came before the Council in opposition of the proposed re-subdivision. He stated that he is a direct neighbor of the property, he has had to call animal control multiple times on tenants that were staying in one of the trailers. He stated that the

grass has been waist high on several occasions. He is also worried about the value of his property in the future if this were to be approved.

- DJ Wunstell came before the Council in opposition of the proposed re-subdivision. He stated that he agrees with what the two previous speakers stated about all the issues with the property. He stated they have done a lot of things that are not up to the standards with the Parish code. He also stated that he is worried about what this would do to their property value in the future.

Upon a motion by Councilwoman Martinez, seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to affirm the Planning Advisory Board's recommendation to deny item B- Consideration of re-subdivision for Yuri Melendes. 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.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of November, 2025.

Upon a motion by Councilman Dardenne, seconded by Councilman Jewell, it was moved to approve items A, C, D, & E 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, Jewell.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18th day of November, 2025.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Allen, and seconded by Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY W. OURSO
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ STEVE C. SMITH
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN