

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021  
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 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 at 6:08 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021 in the Plaquemine Post South and posted on the Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9.

Parish President- J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinances in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1**      Ordinance to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2021

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

**ORDINANCE 2**      Ordinance to protection of parish levees, pumping equipment, and water control structures

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 6:13 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Regular Session, in the Council Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

#### ADDENDUM

None.

#### PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

None.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Jackson, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of June 8, 2021 and June 15, 2021 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, Dominique, Jackson, Kelley, Vallet, Jewell, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CAO, Edward Songy, Jr. reported on the following in the absence of President Ourso:

- Mr. Songy discussed the Planning Commission being dissolved and creating the Planning and Development Advisory Board due to the lack of quorum for meetings. The Advisory Board would consist of 5 council members and 4 citizen members and the meetings would be held an hour before the Council meetings. A resolution will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Raheem Pierce and Councilman Ty Arnold are now present.

- The late Mayor Gulotta leased the City of Plaquemine Depot to Marilyn Breaux for 5 years which expires this fall. Mayor Reeves will not renew the agreement. There are 5 or 6 vendors that currently sell at the Depot that will have to move out. The Parish could negotiate a temporary lease to allow them the use of the old Pendley Law firm building. The Parish Administration will prepare and present a proposal to the Council.

#### MOTION

Upon a motion by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Kelly, it was moved to allow Parish President Ourso to negotiate a temporary lease agreement for the former Pendley Law Firm building.

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Jackson, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Smith, Markins, Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on July 20, 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the financial statements were presented to the Council tonight. The Finance Department has been delayed with the audit. They were granted an extension from the Legislative Auditors' Office, and will be complete by the end of July.

OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE IPC# 010-21**

**ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES  
FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana, in an open meeting held on July 20, 2021 and conducted in accordance with the open meetings law, the provisions of Article VII, Section 23(B) and (C) of the 1974 Constitution and LSA-R.S. 47:1705(b)(1) and (2) that the following millage rates be and hereby are levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within Iberville Parish for the year 2021 for the purpose of raising revenues and appropriating to the respective funds:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony (LLA MN 1042007)	2.48 mills
General Alimony within the City of Plaquemine, City of St. Gabriel, Town of White Castle, and the Town of Maringouin (Exempted Municipalities per Article 6, Section 26 (C) or (D) of the 1974 Constitution of the State of Louisiana.) (LLA MN 1042008)	1.24 mills
Fire District No. 2 (LLA MN 1042020)	6.75 mills
Public Building Maintenance (LLA MN 1042036)	2.99 mills
Parish Wide Drainage (LLA MN 1042012)	4.99 mills
Library Maintenance Fund (LLA MN 1042011)	3.99 mills
Recreation District (LLA MN 1042015)	2.99 mills
Fire District No. 1 (LLA MN 1042021)	3.91 mills

SECTION 2. Be It Further Ordained by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana that the method of collections of said taxes, the time of its delinquency, penalties and other matters relating thereto, shall be as now provided by the law for the collection of State Taxes.

SECTION 3. Be it Further Ordained by the Iberville Parish Council, Louisiana that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance herewith be and the same hereby are specifically repealed.

SECTION 4. Be It Further Ordained that the Assessor of the Parish of Iberville shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2021 taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of Iberville Parish shall collect and remit the same to the Iberville Parish Council in accordance with law.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on June 15, 2021 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on June 24, 2021 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, 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 Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Kelley, having

been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Jackson, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Smith, Markins, Bradford.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

### **ORDINANCE IPC# 011-21**

#### **ORDINANCE FOR PROTECTION OF PARISH LEVEES, PUMPING EQUIPMENT AND WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES**

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish has constructed earthen levees in several areas to help protect its residents and property during flooding events. It is necessary that these earthen levees be protected at all times to ensure the integrity of the earthen levees to help with flood control in the affected areas of Iberville Parish.

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful for any person to damage grass growing on the top, sides, and berms of the Parish constructed levees, including but not limited to damage caused by setting the grass on fire, intentionally cutting or pulling of the grass and its roots, poisoning or preventing the natural growth of grass by any means.

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motorized vehicle, including but not limited to personal or commercial vehicles such as cars or trucks of any kind, motorcycles, airboats, marsh buggies, four wheelers, excavators, tractors, lawn mowers, dirt bikes, motocross cycles, golf carts, or any type vehicle powered by gasoline, diesel or electricity on any Parish levee(s).

WHEREAS, it shall be unlawful for any person to damage any Parish levee, pump, pump station, flood gate(s), water control structure, culverts with flap and/or screw valves for water control purposes or any other structure or equipment associated with the levee system.

WHEREAS, any person who violates the provisions of this section and upon conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment without hard labor for not more than ninety (90) days or by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both for each violation.

WHEREAS, the provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any personnel or representative of the Iberville Parish Council, Parish contractor, Parish Consultant or any other local governmental agency performing their duties related to the maintenance of the levee or any equipment associated therewith.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the above provisions, landowners with land burdened by levee servitude(s) shall have the right to cross a levee located upon their property provided such said crossing does not cause damage to the levee.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Iberville Parish Council as follows:

That the above ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter and the Iberville Parish Council shall have installed on its levee(s) appropriate signs notifying the general public and all land owners of the provisions of this ordinance.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on June 15, 2021 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on June 24, 2021 the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, 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 Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Kelley, having

been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Jackson, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Smith, Markins, Bradford.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A) Introduction of Ordinances

- 1) Ninth Ordinance to declare the following properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator to sell the Parish of Iberville's interest in these properties at public sale pursuant to the terms of Ordinance IPC# 002-13
- 2) Ordinance to declare the following property to be surplus and to sell to neighboring property owners pursuant to the terms of Ordinance IPC# 002-13 (Kem Anderson)

Upon a motion by Councilman Dominique, seconded by Councilman Pierce it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinances.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Dominique, Jackson, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Easley, Smith, Markins, Bradford.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on July 20, 2021.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

#### BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

#### DISCUSSIONS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN