

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
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 November, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 29th day of October, 2020 in the Plaquemine Post South and 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; Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11.

A quorum was present and due notice had been published. 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 fiscal year 2021 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget and the Amended 2020 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.

ORDINANCE 2 Ordinance to acquire fee title to a parcel of land adjacent to Bayou Paul Road for Expansion/Safety of Roadway

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

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

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 November, 2020.

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; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Timothy J. Vallet, District 11.

Parish President- J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., 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 12th day of November, 2020. 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 the Council, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of October 20, 2020 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, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso presented the most recent Covid-19 statistics for Iberville Parish. There has been a 3.2% rise in cases since Halloween, and the parish is currently at a 8.2% positivity rate. If the rate increases to a 10 for two consecutive weeks then the State will have to shut down the bar rooms again. DHH provides new updated Covid- 19 numbers every Wednesday. President Ourso will receive those numbers tomorrow. EOC Director, Clint Moore, summarized the statistics from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) website. The State will remain under the Phase 3 guidelines.
- Ochsner Medical Facility wanted to have testing done around the Parish. On November 30, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and December 1, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. there will be testing sites at the Council on Aging Facility in Plaquemine. They are trying to set up a site in White Castle.
- Next Thursday is Thanksgiving and Pelican Waste will not pick up garbage on that day. The White Castle area will not be picked up until the following day on Friday. The St. Gabriel area will be picked up on that Saturday.
- A letter signed by President Ourso was sent to the City of Plaquemine's Mayor Reeves. In 1997 the "Island Development" developed its community and golf course. The City of Plaquemine annexed that property and put it into city limits. Soon after, Enterprise Boulevard was constructed with Parish and State funding. The Wilbert family agreed to donate the land for Enterprise Blvd with the condition to build a bridge over Bayou Plaquemine to connect Bayou Jacob Road. At that time the City of Plaquemine couldn't afford the bridge so the Parish built it. The Parish invested close \$2 million for the road and the bridge and recently overlaid the road. The Parish wrote this letter to inform the City of Plaquemine pursuant to the provisions of LA R.S. 33:224, that it will transfer this road and bridge over to the City of Plaquemine to maintain within their jurisdiction.
- There is orange fencing around the Courthouse's courtyard because the pavers need to be repaired, and it will stay up until the next quarter of next year.

- St. James Parish mirrors similarly to Iberville Parish. He stated 27% of property tax for St. James Parish comes from the petrolchemical plant that is shutting down. President Ourso does have concerns of the petrolchemical industry shut downs and its possible effects on our Parish's sales taxes. The petrolchemical industry is critical for our Parish's budget and economy. We have a steady flow of sales tax because Shintech is still under construction. President Ourso is taking a cautious approach to keep an eye on the economics of this parish.
- If the Covid-19 cases spike to 10% tomorrow the Council will be notified.
- He wished the Council a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the financial statements have been presented to the Council. The sales tax collections are still within his projections. He also stated the budget ordinance is up for adoption tonight and he would appreciate the Council's support. There were no questions or comments from the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 009-20

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET AND AMENDED 2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET AND THE AMENDED 2020 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, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the 2020 amended and 2021 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 17th day of November 2020, 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 2021 budgets to the extent such funds are received by the Iberville Parish Council.

WHEREAS, the 2020 amended budget and the 2021 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets having been duly submitted for public hearing on the 17th day of November, 2020.

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

"That the 2021 Operating and Capital Improvement budgets for the Iberville Parish Council be approved and adopted as amended.

"That the 2020 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, 2021, in accordance with law."

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 20, 2020 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on October 29, 2020, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of November, 2020, 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 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, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of November, 2020.

ORDINANCE IPC# 010-20

ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE FEE TITLE TO A PARCEL OF LAND ADJACENT TO BAYOU PAUL ROAD IDENTIFIED AS LOT 1A-2 ON MAP PREPARED BY PAN AMERICAN ENGINEERS FOR EXPANSION/SAFETY OF ROADWAY

WHEREAS, Bayou Paul Road located in St. Gabriel is a Parish owned and maintained roadway and is a heavily traveled roadway for area residents.

WHEREAS, there has been significant issued related to the maintenance of the shoulder area of Bayou Paul Road and more land is needed in order to correct the problems associated with the shoulder area of the roadway to make the roadway safer for the motoring public.

WHEREAS, the adjacent landowner has agreed to sell to the Iberville Parish Council a small tract of land identified as Lot 1A-2 on the attached map to improve the roadway shoulder.

WHEREAS, an appraisal has been obtained by a Louisiana Certified Real Estate Appraiser and the appraised value for the parcel of land is the sum of \$18,847.00. A copy of the survey plat and appraisal report are attached to this ordinance and incorporated by reference.

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

“That J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Parish President, be and is hereby authorized to execute and an all documentation relative to the acquisition of the parcel of land identified at Lot 1A-2 on survey plat map attached hereto for the sum of \$18,847.00 from the property owner.”

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on October 20, 2020 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on October 29, 2020, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of November, 2020, 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 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, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of November, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

- 1) Ordinance to formally transfer a portion of Enterprise Boulevard located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Plaquemine, Louisiana

Upon a motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinance.

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, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on November 17, 2020.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:04 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Pierce, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Vallet, Arnold.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution to declare legal holidays for 2021

There were no questions from the Council or the public.

Councilman Smith made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Markins. 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: Smith, Pierce, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet, Arnold.

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

DURING THE REGULAR MEETING:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2020-015

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR 2021

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Kelley and seconded by Councilman Markins.

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 2021 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 17th day of November, 2020, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 17th day of November, 2020.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by the Councilman Pierce, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN