

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
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 15th day of August, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 1st day of August, 2023 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; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Jackson, Markins, Bradford.

Councilman Arnold arrived after roll call.

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

Mr. Songy read the following ordinance in entirety.

ORDINANCE 1

Ordinance to declare the following property to be surplus and to sell to neighboring property owner pursuant to the terms of ordinance # 002-13 (Isaac Reese; Parcel #8911378621)

ORDINANCE 2

Ordinance to authorize a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Iberville Parish Council and Iberville Parish School Board for joint use of recreational facilities

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 6:09 p.m.

/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 15th day of August, 2023.

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; Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Jackson.

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

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in The Advocate newspaper on the 10th day of August, 2023. 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

A) None

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Iberville Eight-Year-Old All-Stars State Champions

- IRPD Director Erik Willis came before the council to introduce the team and their coaches. He recognized them for their accomplishments during their season. He said they are a group to watch because they are all very talented. Each player and coach were presented with a gift from the Parish President and the Parish Council.

B) Announcing candidacy for Iberville Parish Council District 11 – Kyle Booksh

- Kyle Booksh came before the council and introduced himself. He is a lifelong resident of Grosse Tete. He has been married for 43 years, he has two children and six grandchildren. He served as a councilmember for the Town of Grosse Tete for 8 years. He also said he is looking forward to serving with the council and Parish President Ourso. He thanked Councilman Jackson and Councilman Vallet for their service to the parish over the years because they are not seeking reelection. He thanked the council for allowing him to come.

C) Announcing candidacy for Governor – Hunter Lundy

- This item was passed due to Mr. Lundy being unable to make it to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Pierce, seconded by Councilman Markins, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of July 18, 2023 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, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- He stated that the parish will have to come up with \$500,000 to get a water line to the new LCIW prison in St. Gabriel. The prison is not expected to open until 2025.
- The bid for the White Castle Canal finally went out today and he hopes that the bids will come in under budget. He states it could be a budget buster because it took so long to obtain the permit and cost have dramatically increased.
- Parking lot at the Belleview park is near completion.
- He asks for their approval for him to negotiate a new contract with Pelican Waste. The council voted to unanimously to allow President Ourso to negotiate a new contract with Pelican Waste. At the next meeting he will present their proposal.
- The solar farm company, Coastal Prairie Solar, is out of Florida. Tower land company owns the 2,000 acres and they have leased the land to Coastal Prairie Solar. There are many steps that have to take place before the solar farm proposal can be brought before the council. There will be a community meeting about the solar farm on September 14, 2023. He asked that all the council members be present at the meeting.
- He asked the council approve the Syngenta ITEP and stated that they have been in the parish for a long time.
- He congratulated Councilman Morgan, Councilman Smith, Councilman Markins, and Councilwoman Easley on not receiving opposition in the upcoming election.
- Thomas David with Pan America, came before the council to explain the report that was completed to assess the damage and repairs that need to be made at the Plaquemine City Hall. He assembled a team with respective areas of expertise for inspections. They examined the building from top to bottom and inside and out. They checked the air quality, the condition of the windows, walls on the interior and exterior, and roof, as well as the HVAC system and the plumbing.
- Mr. David stated that he would fix the leaks in the wall and roof first and then address the problems on the interior.
- Councilman Markins asked how much it would cost to get the building back to code. Mr. David said the renovations would cost anywhere from two to four million dollars. Councilman Bradford asked if the City of Plaquemine would contribute to the cost of the repairs. President Ourso stated that he would be in contact with the city attorney in regards to what they would want to do.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the money for the waterline at LCIW will come from the capital improvement fund. The parish has saved over \$600,000 per year since taking over the boom truck service. His staff is working on the budget to present to the council at the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 009 - 23

ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND TO SELL TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNER PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ORDINANCE # 002-13 (ISAAC REESE; PARCEL #8911378621)

WHEREAS the Parish of Iberville has a tax interest in the property described below which has been adjudicated for non-payment of property taxes.

WHEREAS "Property 1" listed below, has been previously declared to be surplus by Iberville Parish Council Ordinance # 015-16.

WHEREAS the adjudicated property listed herein has been maintained for at least one year by an adjoining landowner. Section 14 of IPC Ordinance # 002-13 states: "Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance, Iberville Parish Council may, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 47:2201(2)(B), as revised by Act 511 of 2009, allow adjoining landowners of an adjudicated property which constitutes an adjudicated vacant lot to purchase the adjudicated vacant lot for any

price set by Iberville Parish Council without any public bidding at a public meeting of the Iberville Parish Council provided that Iberville Parish Council determines that the adjoining landowner has maintained the property for a period of one (1) year prior to the sale. Such sale shall be deemed a public sale under the provisions of this subpart.”

WHEREAS contingent upon the requirements of law being met, including but not limited to, proper notice to any interested parties, advertisement in the official journal of Iberville Parish and the production of the three sworn affidavits attesting to the adjoining landowner’s maintenance of the adjudicated lots, the Iberville Parish Council desires, and intends to sell the following properties:

1.) **Parcel #** 8911378621

Tax debtor: Isaac Reese

Location of property: LOT FR OR S RD, W GIVENS, N JACKSON, E HAWKINS. 88' X 80'///CB 545 E 347// ISAAC ST

Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: Warren Denell Gougisha & Carliss James Gougisha

Suggested price: \$ 2,500.00

BE IT ORDAINED that the property described above is not needed for public purposes and is declared to be surplus and should be returned to commerce.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the property described above shall be sold to the adjoining landowner listed in accordance with the terms of Ordinance # 002-13 and the Iberville Parish Adjudicated Property Program as administered by the Parish Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the adjoining landowner of the adjudicated property may purchase the adjoining property for the price suggested above unless another price is designated by the Iberville Parish Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED should any part of this ordinance be declared null, void, invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remainder of the said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on July 18, 2023 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on July 24, 2023, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 15th day of August, 2023, 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 Kelley, 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, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 15th day of August, 2023.

ORDINANCE IPC# 010 -23

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL AND IBERVILLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD FOR JOINT USE OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Louisiana Constitution of 1974 Article 7, Section 14[C] provides that for a public purpose, the State and its Political Subdivisions may engage in cooperative endeavor agreements

with each other or with any public or private association, cooperation or individual.

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter Section 1-06 entitled “Joint Service Agreements” provides that the Parish government is authorized by Article by Article 7, Section 14, of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 or any other applicable authority, to enter into joint service agreements or cooperative endeavor agreements with political subdivisions, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual for a Public Purpose.

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 33:1324, entitled “Intergovernmental Functions” provides that any Parish or Political Subdivision of the State may make agreements between or among themselves to engage jointly in the promotion of any undertaking provided that at least one of the participants to the agreement is authorized under a provision of general or special law to perform such activity or exercise such power as may be necessary for the undertaking. Such agreements may provide for the joint use of facilities, personnel or property or any combination thereof necessary to accomplish the purposes of the agreement and such agreements may include but are not limited to activities concerning, ... (5) Recreational and educational facilities, such as playgrounds, recreation centers, parks and libraries.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council and Iberville Parish School Board have recreational facilities including playgrounds, recreational fields and parks that provide opportunities for Iberville Parish students enrolled in Iberville Parish Schools, including private/parochial Iberville Parish schools licensed and approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the joint use of such facilities by the educational entities will enhance the promotion of educational and recreational programs for Parish students.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the orderly utilization of the recreational facilities of the Iberville Parish Council and its Recreation Department and the recreational facilities of the Schools, priority shall be given to the recreational and sporting programs provided by each entity. The joint use of the recreational and sporting venues of each entity shall not interfere with the regular programming of each entity to this agreement. Each entity shall allow the other to utilize its recreational fields when such joint use will not interfere with the programming of the other. The Iberville Parish Recreational programs are to be given priority use of its recreational fields for Parish Recreation sponsored leagues and events at all times and similarly the School Board recreational and sport programs are to be given priority use of its recreational fields.

WHEREAS, the public playground area of any Iberville Parish Recreation facility shall remain open to the general public at any time the playing fields are being utilized by either entity to this agreement.

WHEREAS, the parties herein shall agree to provide the other with a certificate of general liability and special sporting event insurance for use of the other’s facilities in the amount of TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000.00) and the certificate shall name the other as an additional insured under the terms of the policy(s). The Parties shall determine if the insurance coverage is acceptable to each party.

WHEREAS, each party herein shall adhere to the special rules and safety regulations for each facility to be utilized under the terms of the cooperative endeavor agreements.

WHEREAS, each party herein shall agree to hold the other harmless from any and all damages, injuries or claims and shall defend the party should such claims be filed by any of the events participants or spectators.

WHEREAS, should any damage(s) result from the use of any recreational facility or playing field the party utilizing the recreational facility or filed when the damage(s) occurred shall be responsible for reimbursing the party who sustained the damage(s).

WHEREAS, should any event take place after normal working hours of the staff of either party, the party who is authorized to utilize any recreational facility or field after hours shall reimburse the hosting party the cost associated with the salary of a designated staff member(s) required to be present during the event.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish President, J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., shall be authorized to enter into

a Joint Service Agreement with the Iberville Parish School Board for the joint use of the Recreational Facilities of the Parish and which also may contain provisions for the Parish Recreation program to utilize the School Board outdoor recreational facilities when appropriate.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 15th day of August, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

1. Ordinance to accept donation of immovable property from estate of J. Gerald Dupont identified as Lot number 84 of mill site subdivision, Plaquemine, Louisiana

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Bradford it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 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, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on August 15, 2023.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Morgan, Dominique.

Absent: Markins, Jackson.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution of the Iberville Parish Council approving Syngenta Crop Protection LLC, for participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program in Iberville Parish, Louisiana

Councilman Morgan made a recommendation to forward the resolution to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Kelley. 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, Arnold, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan, Dominique.

NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Markins, Jackson.

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-017

RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, LLC INC. FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM IN IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Morgan and seconded by Councilman Kelley.

WHEREAS, Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article 7, Section 21(F) pursuant to the administrative procedure act, LA R.S. 49:950, et seq and LA R.S. 36:104 provide for the Board of Commerce and Industry (BCI) with approval of the Governor to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing facility or an addition to an existing manufacturing facility, on such terms and conditions as the BCI with the approval of the Governor deems in the best interest of the State;

WHEREAS, SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption APPLICATION (ITE), No. 20220344-\$51,865,763.00 and has the approval of the BCI for a contract granting the exemption;

WHEREAS, ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation or retention at new or expanded manufacturing facilities and that the percentage of exemption be 80% for a term of five years, and renewable for an additional term of five years from “ad valorem taxes” in accordance with Louisiana law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Iberville Parish Council as follows, after public discussion held on August 15, 2023, the Iberville Parish Council approves the terms of the ITE contract (Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana, Office of Economic Development and Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC, Inc. to the exemption contract between the BCI and Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC with respect to the project for installation, processing and supporting equipment for the formulation expansion project to increase the production capacity of the plant located in Iberville Parish, Louisiana, based on the conditions contained in Contract For Exemption of Ad Valorem Taxes, Application Number 20220344-ITE, a copy of said contract is attached to this resolution and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the ITE Iberville Parish Impact Summary for All Affected Taxing Bodies for the ten-year tax abatement at 80% exemption rate prepared by the Iberville Parish Assessor’s Office is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

WHEREAS, in the event Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC fails to complete its project, or fails to timely meet its performance objectives, job creation positions or, job retention positions requirements or maintaining payroll amounts as contained in ITE Contract No. 20220344 within the time and for the term agreed, or if Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC reduces its employment number or payroll amount to less than 90% of the required amount, such shall constitute a default under the award agreement and LED and the Iberville Parish Council shall retain the rights to modify or terminate the terms and conditions of the ITE incentive according to Louisiana law.

The Iberville Parish Council authorized the LA Department of Economic Development and BCI to include this resolution to the ITE contract between the BCI and Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the LA Department of Economic Development and BCI.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote by roll call was adopted in regular session this 15th day of August, 2023 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Jackson.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on August 15, 2023.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Markins, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN