

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
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 September, 2019 at 6:02 p.m. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 29th day of August, 2019 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: Warren Taylor, District 1; Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Steve C. Smith District 5; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Councilman Jackson is now present.

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 declare the certain properties as surplus and to sell to neighboring property owners pursuant to the terms of Ordinance #002-13

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

ORDINANCE 2 Seventh 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 #002-13

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 6:08 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
BOARD OF REVIEW, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

The Parish Council of Iberville Parish, State of Louisiana, met in Special Session at the regular meeting place of the Parish Council, in the Council Meeting Room, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 17th day of September, 2019.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the special meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Warren Taylor, District 1; Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 12th day of September, 2019.

Assessor, Mr. Randy Sexton, and Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Edward Songy were also in attendance.

Chairman Jewell stated the purpose of the meeting, was to sit as the “Board of Review” for Ad Valorem tax appeals to consider any appeals by Parish taxpayers received by the Parish Council.

The Council Clerk nor the Assessor reported receiving any protests.

Assessor Randy Sexton stated in 2018 the Sheriff’s Office collected \$61,500,000. The projected tax collection for 2019 is over \$72,000,000 which will be over an \$11 million increase in collections in one year. He stated the Iberville Parish School Board will receive about 55% of the \$11 million.

Assessor Sexton stated the open book period was from August 15, 2019 through August 29, 2019 for citizens to come in and inspect their taxes. There were no appeals for the assessed values for the tax year of 2019 during this open book period.

The taxable value of the 2019 roll is estimated at approximately \$707,320,165. The 2018 taxable value was approximately \$594,891,280 with a difference of \$112,482,885. The overall increase is about 15.9%, attributed to an increase in Taxable Values as follows; Personal Property of \$116,085,270 and Real Property of \$2,794,975. There was a decrease in Public Service of \$6,451,360.

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

The tax roll was accepted as presented by the Iberville Parish Assessor and no changes were made by the Board of Review.

Upon a motion by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Vallet, it was moved to accept the tax roll for the year 2019 as presented by the Assessor with no changes being made. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Kelley, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of September, 2019.

There being no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

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 September, 2019.

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: Warren Taylor, District 1; Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith District 5; 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.

Absent: Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

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 September, 2019. 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of August 20, 2019 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: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

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:

- Chairman Jewell stated President Ourso is absent tonight due to a recent injury.
- Mr. Songy stated a handout from Forte & Tablada was presented to the Council showing the construction progress of the Myrtle Grove Subdivision. There will be 81 residential lots for sale in this new subdivision.
- The Grand Opening of the Rifle Range was last Saturday and it was a huge success. As of September 15, 2019 there were over 115 visitors and over 60 visitors actively firing at the targets.
- The Annual Swamp Life Expo will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Welcome Center in Grosse Tete.
- This week the Parish Attorney filed a motion to dismiss the suit filed by East Baton Rouge Parish against Iberville Parish for the aqua damns in the Federal District Court. It will be set for a hearing in the next 45 days. Iberville Parish is seeking to have their suit dismissed in full at their cost.
- There will be an aerial mosquito spray of the entire parish tonight and tomorrow night.
- Taco Bell has broken ground in the new shopping center in front of Walgreens. Construction has begun and the new Taco Bell facility is expected to be open by the end of October.
- A flood ordinance was recently approved, and requires residents to build above base flood elevation. There have been residents who wanted to build their land too high, so the Parish is exploring setting a limit of how high you can build to prevent increasing the run off on neighboring properties.
- Mr. Songy introduced IPRD Director, Dwayne Boudreaux before the Council to give an update on the new IPRD Programs.

- Mr. Boudreaux stated the fall registration has now ended and there will be 4 programs: Youth Tackle Football, Volleyball, Flag Football, and Soccer. He stated IPRD has never hosted 4 different programs at one time before.
- Youth Tackle Football began in August, with over 98 players. Their team name is the Plaquemine Junior Blue Devils and they play in the Louisiana Youth Preparatory League.
- Volleyball, Flag Football, and Soccer will begin in October. There are over 50 players in the Volleyball league, 126 players in the Flag Football league, and 130 players in the Soccer league.
- IPRD partnered with the NFL Flag and USA Football Program and all football players will be wearing NFL style reversible jerseys.
- IPRD's goal for next year is to enter a league in the White Castle area for Youth Tackle Football.
- The Council thanked Mr. Boudreaux for doing a great job.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn was not present due to a medical emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE IPC# 013-19

ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AS SURPLUS AND TO SELL TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF ORDINANCE # 002-13

WHEREAS the Parish of Iberville has a tax interest in the properties described below which have 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 #003-14.

WHEREAS the adjudicated properties listed herein have 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 # 8901381292

Tax debtor: James Harris & Others

Location of property: LOT FR OR E BY PUBLIC RD N & E BY SMITH, S BY THOMPSON 25' X 200' SEC.81T7SR9E

Adjoining landowner intending to acquire ownership: Alisa S. Monroe

Suggested price: \$ 2,000.00

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.

This ordinance shall become effective on this the 17th day of September, 2019.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on August 20, 2019 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on August 29, 2019, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of September, 2019, 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 Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Jackson, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of September, 2019.

ORDINANCE IPC# 014-19

SEVENTH 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 # 002-13

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

WHEREAS the properties described below are not needed for public purposes and should be declared surplus and sold at public sale and/or full ownership acquired by the Iberville Parish Council pursuant to the terms of Ordinance #002-13 and the Iberville Parish Adjudicated Properties Program administered by the Parish Administrator.

WHEREAS the following properties have been adjudicated to the Iberville Parish Council for non-payment of taxes and remain in tax adjudicated status:

Tax Debtor	Address	Brief Legal Description	Parcel ID
Bartley, Leroy & Ada H.	Nats Alley	LOT NAT'S ALLEY, S CALLAIS, W HEBERT, E BANTA, SEC 14, T9SR12E. CB 464 E 39,40,41	0300466090
Earl, Joseph		PART LOT 17 PLAN FORTVILLE. ///CB 444 E 115	8211349493
Hollins, Alma	5045 Hwy 75	LOT FR ISLAND CUT OFF RD, E & S DAVE, N WILSON. 40X96 ///CB 94 E 14	0510645900
Jordan, Polly K. & Others		LOT PT. PLEASANT, E 12' STRIP SERV. S GRACE, W VICKNAIR, N BRADFORD. 22.5' WIDE ///CB 545 E 291	8201352196
Lorraine, John Victor	Hwy 75	LORRAINE HOME PLACE ANDERSON SURVEY 6 LOTS IN SEC36T10SR1E(SEC.36,T9AR1E)SE LAND DISTRICT 131.0 X 360' X 210 X 180 X 79 X 180 ///CB 519 E 2	8501365556
Pioneer Water Systems, LLC		ACRES - 14.7 BEING 10 ACRES OF TR A-1A SEC 22 & 23 T7SR9E, CONTG. 25.3 ACS TR A-1-B SECS 22 & 23 T7SR9E, CONTG. 4.7 AC	8901382400A

		UPPER SIDE WHEELOCK LANE, NE BAYOU G.T., SE SIDE TR A-2, SW SIDE R/W MISSOURI PACI- FIC RY. GOV'T ///CB 272 E 25 TOTAL ACS 30	
Porter, Claude Lee	Besson Ln.	LOT JAKE, FR BESSON LANE, E BERRYHILL, N JOHNSON, R MILLER. ///CB 507 E 159	8401364133
Standard Homes Corp.	Knottaway Dr.	PORT LOTS 1 & 2 PLTN. GARDENS INCL. IN LOT A-1 ORIGINALLY CONTG. 5.944 ACS. SEC. 4 T9SR1E & THAT PORT KNOTTAWAY DR. INCL. LOT A-1(100' FR TO PLTN. GARDEN SUB.) ///CB 496 E 145	8401364121

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the properties described above shall be sold at public sale and/or full ownership acquired by the Iberville Parish Council in accordance with the terms of Ordinance # 002-13 and the Iberville Parish Adjudicated Properties Program as administered by the Parish Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Parish Administrator shall in accordance with the terms of Ordinance #002-13 set the minimum bid price for each property, set the date of the public sale, authorize the necessary pre-sale expenditures through a third party administrator regarding title work, legal notices, advertisements and affidavits, designate an auctioneer and ensure that all acts of sale are acceptable in form and substance.

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.

This ordinance shall become effective on this the 17th day of September, 2019.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on August 20, 2019 and a summary thereof having been published in the official

journal on August 29, 2019, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 17th day of September, 2019, 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 Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Jackson, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays vote on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of September, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:13 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Arnold, Markins, Jackson, Dominique.

Absent: Lewis, Kelley, Morgan.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

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

Councilman Vallet made a recommendation to forward the resolution to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Markins. The recommendation having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nays votes on roll call by Resolution Committee Members only:

YEAS: Smith, Vallet, Arnold, Markins, Jackson, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Kelley, Morgan.

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

During the Regular Meeting:

RESOLUTION IPC# 2019-011

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

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

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.

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 (herein referred to as the DOTD) that for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020:

1. The Parish will perform all interim inspections on all Parish owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
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 AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges where the maximum legal load under the operating rating as determined above has been critically reviewed by the Parish. Load posting information has been 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 shall be load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manuals Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the Parish Engineer prior to load posting.
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 LA DOTD are noted. These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by the Parish in the Off-System Bridge Replacement.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 17th day of September, 2019, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 17th day of September, 2019.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning Chairman Jewell stated he would like to address the absence of the Council Member for District 6. She has missed 6 consecutive council meetings. He stated the Home Rule Charter does not give the Council the authority to call on the vacancy of this seat. He stated if any residents in Council District 6 have any problems or concerns, please give the Council office a call. Chairman Jewell would like the Council to consider amending the Home Rule Charter to address this issue for the future. Councilman Smith asked if there were any State Statutes regarding vacancies. Mr. Songy stated he will look into it, and he will let the Chairman know later this week.

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Ourso, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN