

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017  
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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing posted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 in the Plaquemine Post South and Iberville Parish website.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Warren Taylor, District 1; Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith, District 5; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted. Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy was also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinance in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1**      Ordinance to purchase property in Bayou Pigeon for proposed new Fire Station

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

There being no further business to be conducted, the hearing was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017**

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

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 published on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017. 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.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Smith, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of November 21, 2017 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, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Bradford, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- The substantial completion was signed today for the HVAC project in the Courthouse.
- The external renovations are for the parapet emergency issues and will not be finished until the first quarter of 2018. The contractor is working quickly to meet the deadline date. The expenditures between the courthouse and the Parish jail renovations, totals almost \$8 million. The courthouse needs a new roof over the taller portion which is an estimated \$400,000.
- The Parish just completed \$3 million in road work projects. The road work projects throughout the Parish was around \$3- 3.5 million. In 2018, the President Ourso will ride through the entire Parish to check the cracks in the roads.
- President Ourso stated Mr. Robin Free is doing a great job along with the Permits Department in handling the blighted properties throughout the Parish. President Ourso asks the Council to let them know if there are any blighted properties in their districts.
- We do not get the December sales tax collection until January 2018. The sales tax collections for 2017 was good, but it will be about \$5 million less. In 2018 the Parish will have to slow down on ongoing projects due to what was spent on the renovations in 2017.

Councilman Vallet asked for an update on the rifle range. President Ourso stated the rain has set it back and hopes to have it built within the first quarter of the new year. President Ourso is working with Entergy to provide electrical power for \$57,000. They will have to boor the property for water lines. There will also be an area for archery. The rifle range will also have a Range Master.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace was not present.

## PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

### A) Spirit of Togetherness

- Ms. Vanessa Armstead came before the Council to show their appreciation to the Parish President. Two days prior to the Gospel Fest, without President Ourso it would not have been the success it was. On behalf of the Spirit of Togetherness, a plaque was presented to President Ourso.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn stated the courthouse renovations during 2017 had to be done and the Parish was lucky enough to have the funds to complete the projects.

## OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE IPC #020-17**

**ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE PROPERTY IN BAYOU PIGEON FOR PROPOSED  
NEW BAYOU SORREL AND BAYOU PIGEON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2-11(12) of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter provides that an ordinance is required to acquire any real property to be owned by the Parish Government.

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a modern, centralized volunteer fire department in the Bayou Pigeon and Bayou Sorrell area of Iberville Parish;

**WHEREAS**, the Jules A. Hebert Rental Corporation has agreed to convey and transfer a parcel of immovable property to the Iberville Parish Council described as a 1.327 acre tract of land designated as lots 66, 67 & 97 on the unrecorded lease lot partition for the J. A. Hebert Sr., Estate, located in Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 12 East, South Eastern District East of Grand River in Iberville Parish, Louisiana for the location of a new volunteer fire department to serve the inhabitants of Bayou Pigeon and Bayou Sorrell. The consideration for this conveyance by the Jules A. Hebert Rental Corporation to the Iberville Parish Council pursuant to the most recent appraisal shall be the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$33,000.00) and other good and valuable consideration. The parcel of land is identified on the survey map attached hereto as Exhibit "A" dated August 28, 2017, signed by Thomas C. David, Jr., Registered Professional Land Surveyor and entitled "Property Boundary Survey to Indicate a 1.327 Acre (57,801 Sq. Ft) Tract Being All of Lots 66, 67 & 97 Of the Unrecorded Lease Lot Partition of the J. A. Hebert Sr., Estate, Located in Section 6, Township 11 South, Range 12 East, South Eastern District East of Grand River, Iberville Parish Louisiana."

**WHEREAS**, the property acquired from the Jules A. Hebert Rental Corporation shall be utilized for the location of a newly constructed Bayou Sorrel and Bayou Pigeon volunteer fire department, which will provide fire protection and emergency medical services for the inhabitants of Bayou Pigeon, Bayou Sorrell, and the surrounding areas of Iberville Parish.

**WHEREAS**, a new centralized, modern facility will better meet the needs of the inhabitants of Bayou Pigeon and Bayou Sorrell by providing fire protection and emergency medical services.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT** Iberville Parish President, J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., be and is hereby authorized to sign any and all documentation relative to the transfer of the parcel of land by Jules A. Hebert Rental Corporation to the Iberville Parish Council for the sum of \$33,000.00 and other good and valuable consideration, which is more particularly identified as a 1.327 acre tract of land designated as lots 66, 67 & 97 on the survey map attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on November 21, 2017 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on November 16, 2017, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, 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 Ourso, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, having been duly submitted to a vote, the ordinance was duly adopted by the following yea and nay vote on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Vallet.  
NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Kelley, Lewis, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A) Introduction of Ordinance

The following ordinance was introduced by Mr. Songy:

##### 1) Ordinance to grant Utility Franchise to Pointe Coupee Electric

Desiree Lemoine, representing Pointe Coupee Electric came before the Council. They serve areas of Iberville but have never had a franchise agreement with the Parish. The franchise agreement allows them to do business within the Parish.

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinances. 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.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:07 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Kelley, Markins, Jackson.

Absent: Lewis, Arnold, Morgan, Dominique.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

##### A) Resolution to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2017, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein.

Councilman Vallet made a recommendation to forward the resolution to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Smith. 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, Vallet, Kelley, Markins, Jackson.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Arnold, Morgan, Dominique

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

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT- DURING THE REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION IPC# 2017-021

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING  
THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE PARISH OF  
IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017, TO  
AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Iberville, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The result of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, 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 ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Arnold, and seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN