

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JULY 18, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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; 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: Anne M. Reeves, District 5; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

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 published in the official journal on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 Dominique, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of June 20, 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, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Reeves, Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

**PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

A) Audit Presentation by Baxley & Associates- Ms. Margaret Pritchard

- Ms. Margaret Pritchard, representing Hugh Baxley and Associates, LLC. presented the 2016 Iberville Parish Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- Ms. Pritchard began summarizing page 17 of the audit report which is the statement of net position. Total assets for the year were \$184,300,047 which increased \$9.9 million over the year 2015. There was an increase in cash for the year of \$3.8 million, and an increase in receivables of \$785,000. The capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) increased \$6.1 million. Total liabilities were \$28,807,494 with an increase of \$2.7 million over the year 2015. The total net position was \$158,828,466 with an increase of \$9.2 million for the year.
- Ms. Pritchard also summarized page 18 of the audit report which is the statement of activities page. Total governmental expenses were \$36,200,608 with a decrease of 2% over the previous year. Total business type activities were \$4,950,531 which were expenses for the Utility Department, with an increase of \$330,000. The next column is the total for charges of services which were \$2.9 million, which increased \$127,000 over the year 2015. The total for charges of services for the Utility Department was \$4.6 million with an increase of \$116,000. There was a \$2.9 million decrease in operating and capital grants. General revenues were \$38,043,735 with a \$3.8 million increase from the previous year. The net income for the year was \$8,977,923.
- Two comments were noted in the audit report have been recorded and have been corrected.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso was not present, due to illness. The agenda item was passed on.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace stated there was nothing to report.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn stated that during the audit presentation Ms. Pritchard stated the debt went up. It did go up but it was because of the DHH loan for the water extension for Water District No. 3, which increased by about \$3 million. The net savings on the refunding is over the life of the bond. He also stated the statements were sent out, and there were no questions.

Mr. Dunn read aloud the following notice.

- A) Notice hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:17059(B) that a public hearing of the Iberville Parish Council in Iberville Parish will be held at the Iberville Parish Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to consider adopting the millage rates, the public meeting will immediately follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Iberville Parish Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana to consider adopting the millage rates.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A) Introduction of Ordinances

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance to donate an adjudicated parcel to the City of St. Gabriel
- 2) Ordinance to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2017
- 3) Ordinance whereby the Iberville Parish Council formally expresses intent to acquire full ownership of the tax adjudicated property described below pursuant to the terms of Ordinance #002-13
- 4) Ordinance to adopt the revised ordinance for Iberville Parish Animal Control, Animal Shelter including domestic animals, livestock and wild animals

Upon a motion by Councilman Vallet, seconded by Councilman Taylor, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on the four 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, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Reeves, Lewis, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Dominique.

Absent: Reeves, Lewis, Morgan.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

A) Resolution to authorize the Parish President to sign an agreement with DOTD on the Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement

Councilman Kelley 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: Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Dominique.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Reeves, Lewis, Morgan.

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

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT- DURING THE REGULAR MEETING

**RESOLUTION IPC#2017- 011**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARISH OF  
IBERVILLE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A  
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING THE FORM AND TERMS  
OF SUCH AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER  
MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Arnold.

WHEREAS, the Parish wishes to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development, through its Secretary, hereinafter referred to as "DOTD", and Iberville Parish Council, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as "Parish"; and

WHEREAS, under provisions of Title 23, United States Code, Section 144 "Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program," as amended, funds have been appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund to finance replacement and/or rehabilitation of bridges located off the State and Federal road system; and

WHEREAS, Parish has requested DOTD to allocate funds necessary to finance the off-system bridge replacement and/or rehabilitation projects defined in the Parish's approved priority list, subject to special terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Federal Funds have been appropriated to finance replacement and/or rehabilitation projects under the direct administration of DOTD; and

WHEREAS, DOTD is agreeable to implementation of the projects and desires to cooperate with Parish as hereinafter provided.

WHEREAS, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A hereto (the "Cooperative Endeavor Agreement"), to provide for the agreement by the Parish and DOTD; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council, acting as the governing authority of the Parish, now desires to authorize the Parish President, J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr. to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to assist the Parish in accomplishing the purposes set forth therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana that:

SECTION 1. The foregoing whereas clauses are hereby adopted and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. This Governing Authority hereby approves the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit A hereto, subject to revisions as may be approved by the Parish President.

SECTION 3. The Parish shall be bound by the terms of and covenants set forth in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and shall take any and all actions required to maintain compliance therewith. The Parish President is hereby authorized to do and take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including but not limited to executing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as may be required.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 by the following vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Reeves, Lewis, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Markins, and seconded by the Council to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN