

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017  
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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. pursuant to a Notice of Public Hearing published on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 in the Post South.

The Council Chairman, Matthew H. Jewell, called the hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. followed by the roll call with the following Council Members in attendance: Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Anne M. Reeves, 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: Warren Taylor, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

A quorum was present and due notice had been given. Mr. Edward Songy, CAO was also in attendance.

Mr. Songy read the following ordinances in entirety.

**ORDINANCE 1** Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 98-32 Regulation Junk and Junked Vehicles in Iberville Parish

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

**ORDINANCE 2** Ordinance to establish Nicholas Street located in Plaquemine, LA as a one way street

Councilman Bradford state he is proposed to make Nicholas Street a one way because the street is not wide enough to support two way traffic and has become a driving hazard.

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 6:15 p.m.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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: Mitchel J. Ourso, Sr.; District 2; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Anne M. Reeves, District 5; Courtney P. Lewis, 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.

Absent: Warren Taylor, District 1; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 Jackson, and seconded by Councilman Reeves, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of May 16, 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: Ourso, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Dominique, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

### PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

President Ourso called on EOP Director, Laurie Doiron to come before the Council and review the slides provided by the National Weather System.

- She gave a recap of the 4:00 pm conference call / advisory with the National Weather System.
- The rainfall estimates have increased to 6-9 inches, upward to 12 inches, estimating 3 inches per hour. We are on the east side of the tropical storm which puts Iberville in the band width of excessive rainfall. The land side of the spillway is expected to flood. Tornados are a minimal threat, but they do exist. Wind speed probabilities are 45 miles per hour, declaring it a tropical storm.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- On July 31, 2017 the final phase of the HVAC system/ abatement project will begin. The Sheriff's Office and the Assessor's Office are the last two offices to undergo the abatement process.
- The parapet along the west side of the courthouse was originally designed with structural flaws that over the years has allowed water to seep into the walls. The crown and the brick wall will have to be removed. This is a separate project and will cost an estimated \$800,000.
- The Alligator Bayou Floodgate and the Utility Building in St. Gabriel are currently in the bidding process. The Iron Farm Road Canal is going out for bid on July 18, 2017.
- The St. Louis Gay subdivision road renovation is about 80% complete.
- Opening bids for the aqua damn storage building in St. Gabriel will be on July 13, 2017.
- The Finance Department received the distinguished budget award for the 2017 budget.
- The Seymourville School's hazards have been removed and the abatement has taken place. The frame of the gym was saved and will be revitalized. The Parish is making plans for this property.
- With the upcoming estimated rainfall, the US Army and Corps of Engineers were able to keep the lock gate open to divert the water to the spillway. This time there is no water going through the locks, it has to come through Bayou Sorrell and Bayou Pigeon area and the spillway is full. Sandbags have been delivered strategically throughout the parish.
- The aqua damns have been stored in Abbeyville, this morning the Parish trucked in the damns to Manchac Road in preparation for flooding. East Baton Rouge has been calling the Parish President saying this is going to flood East Baton Rouge. It was on the news,

and President Ourso was accused of taking hostile action, and asked if he did a study for the damns. President Ourso stated a study was done in August of 2016 when East Iberville residents were flooded for 19 days. The aqua damns have been rolled out along the road ways in preparation of the upcoming rainfall event.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace stated the prospect that they have been working with in St. Gabriel informed them that they are not the lead site for this project. President Ourso met with them and will continue to be in contact with them. The failure of the sales tax for gas is disappointing and it means there is no funding for large tax increases, meaning 2021 is the next potential year for the sales tax for gas. Our local legislators supported this gas tax.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Randall Dunn stated financial statements have been sent out. There were no questions. Mr. Dunn also stated the bridge traffic app should be ready by the next Council meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Jewell 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.

Chairman Jewell read aloud the following notice.

- B) Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, Louisiana, the Parish Council of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Parish of Iberville to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### **ORDINANCE IPC# 008-17**

#### **ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 98-32 TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATING AND STORING OR ABANDONING OF TRASH, DEBRIS, JUNK, WRECKED OR USED VEHICLES OR ANY PART(S) THEREOF, DISCARDED MACHINERY OR OTHER METAL, TIN, ON ANY VACANT LOT OR ANY PORTION OF ANY OCCUPIED LOT WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IBERVILLE PARISH**

WHEREAS, Iberville Parish Council Ordinance No. 98-32 was adopted on July 28, 1998 and provided for the abatement of junk and junked motor vehicles on property located within the unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish.

WHEREAS, the current provisions of Ordinance Number 98-32 provide for abatement of junk and junked vehicles through judicial proceedings after the owner(s) fail to remove the items after due notice.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana legislature in 2005 amended the provisions of La. R.S. 33:1236 and La. R.S. 33:4876 to provide for quick disposition of junk and junked vehicles on property located in unincorporated areas and further modified the definition of the terms “junk” and

“junked vehicles”, which provisions are hereby incorporated into Section 9-45 of Ordinance Number 98-32 as follows:

***JUNK, WRECKED OR USED AUTOMOBILES OR MOTOR VEHICLES: Shall mean any motor vehicle which is totally inoperable, left unattended on any portion of any unoccupied or occupied lot, neutral ground, street, sidewalk, and is so damaged or dismantled as to be a total loss. The term “total loss” shall mean the cost to repair a damaged or dismantled motor vehicle exceeds the junk value of said vehicle, as determined by any recognized national appraisal book.***

WHEREAS, the owner(s) of the land and/or junk, junked or wrecked vehicle shall be required to remove and properly dispose of such junk and/or junked motor vehicle after written notice of not less than ten (10) days either placed on the property where the junk or junked or wrecked vehicle itself is located or served upon the owner(s) of the land or junk/junked or wrecked vehicle, by certified mail.

WHEREAS, the notice must state; a) the nature of the nuisance and its location, b) that the nuisance must be abated or removed within ten (10) days; and c) any request for a hearing before the Parish Hearing Officer must be received within ten (10) days of service of the notice by the Code Enforcement Officer. If no request for an administrative hearing is timely received, and the junked vehicle(s) are not removed or abated the Parish shall have the authority to enter the property and remove the junked vehicle(s) and have hauled to some approved scrap dealer or vehicle junkyard.

WHEREAS, if the owner(s) of any lot or owner of junk/junked vehicles fails to remove any such junk item or junked/wrecked vehicle when requested to do so by the Parish, within ten (10) days after receipt of such request or notice by a registered or certified letter or other adequate notice, and no request for an administrative hearing, the Parish may enter such property to have such junk, junked or wrecked vehicles or any parts thereof, or any other junk items removed and shall charge the property owner therefor. Any fees received from the scrap dealer or junk yard shall be applied to the costs of the Parish in abating the public nuisance. If the property owner(s) or owner(s) of junk and junked/wrecked vehicles fail to pay the Parish’s cost for removal within ten (10) days of receipt of an itemized invoice detailing all costs associated with the removal of the items of junk and junked/wrecked vehicles, the Parish shall add the removal charges to the annual ad valorem tax bill of the property involved and the Parish may file a certified copy of said charges with the recorder of mortgages, and the same when so filed shall operate as a lien and privilege in favor of the Parish against the property of which said items were removed. This lien and privilege when recorded within sixty (60) days from the date of completion of the removal of the items shall have the same ranking as an ad valorem tax lien on the immovable property.

WHEREAS, the provisions of Ordinance Number 98-32 and the amended provisions herein provided shall comprise Ordinance Number 98-32 in its entirety.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on May 16, 2017 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on June 15, 2017, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 Kelley, 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: Ourso, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Dominique, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

**ORDINANCE IPC# 009-17**

**ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH NICHOLAS STREET LOCATED IN PLAQUEMINE,  
LA AS A ONE WAY STREET**

WHEREAS, Nicolas Street is a Parish roadway located in the North Plaquemine area. This street is a narrow roadway and two-way traffic on Nicholas Street has presented issues for school buses, mail and delivery vehicles and general vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 32:41 provides that local governing authorities with respect to roads other than state maintained highways within their jurisdiction may designate particular roadways as “one-way” roads.

WHEREAS, due to the narrow width of Nicholas Street and the difficulty encountered by public vehicles including, school buses, mail delivery vehicles and the motoring public, the Iberville Parish Council does hereby designate NICHOLAS STREET as a “one-way” street from West to East.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Iberville Parish Council as follows: That Nicholas Street be designated as a “one-way” street from West to East, and that the appropriate signage be installed on Nicholas Street advising the general public of the travel restrictions on Nicholas Street.

The foregoing ordinance which was previously introduced at the meeting of the Iberville Parish Council on May 16, 2017 and a summary thereof having been published in the official journal on June 15, 2017, the public hearing on this ordinance held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 Kelley, 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: Ourso, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Dominique, Morgan.

The ordinance was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A) Introduction of Ordinance

- 1) Ordinance to provide for placement of recreational vehicles in unincorporated areas of Iberville Parish

- This agenda item was passed on.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Reeves, Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson.

Absent: Lewis, Morgan, Dominique.

There was an addendum resolution that has been unanimously agreed on to be added to the Resolution Committee Report.

The following resolutions were read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution authorizing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Iberville and West Baton Rouge Parishes for Sid Richardson Connector Road

B) Resolution approving the City of Plaquemine to submit Grant Funds Application of the Federal Rails to Trail Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) for the Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail-Phase One(1)

Councilman Kelley made a recommendation to forward the resolutions to the regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Arnold. 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: Reeves, Vallet, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lewis, Morgan, Dominique.

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

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT- DURING THE REGULAR MEETING

**RESOLUTION IPC #2017-009**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN IBERVILLE AND WEST BATON ROUGE PARISHES FOR SID  
RICHARDSON CONNECTOR ROAD**

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

WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council has notified the Iberville Parish Council of its plans to construct the "Sid Richardson Connector Road" that will connect "Sid Richardson Road" to "Choctaw Road" (La. Highway 1148).

WHEREAS, the acquisition of all servitude and rights of way for the roadway will be obtained by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council and all construction planning and costs of construction will be paid by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council.

WHEREAS, approximately One Hundred Feet (100') of the proposed roadway will be constructed in Iberville Parish on a right of way obtained by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council to connect with the State Highway, La. Hwy. 1148 (Choctaw Road) in Iberville Parish. All approval for the connection of the proposed roadway to La. Hwy, 1148 (Choctaw Road) shall be obtained from LA DOTD by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council.

WHEREAS, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council shall assume any and all liability associated with the "Sid Richardson Connector Road" and hold the Iberville Parish Council harmless from any and all claims, suit, damages, judgments, attorney fees, etc., arising out of or in connection with any use, any injuries or damages sustained on that portion of the roadway and road side drainage ditches located in Iberville Parish.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council has reviewed the site plan for the "Sid Richardson Connector Road" and has no objection to the construction of the proposed roadway by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council and authorizes the approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the proposed roadway.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 by the following vote on roll call:

YEAS: Ourso, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Dominique, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

ADDENDUM

Upon a motion by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to go into addendum. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following ye and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Ourso, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Dominique, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

**RESOLUTION IPC #2017-010**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE TO SUBMIT GRANT FUNDS APPLICATION OF THE FEDERAL RAILS TO TRAIL PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL) FOR THE PLAQUEMINE RIVERFRONT RECREATIONAL TRAIL-PHASE ONE(1)**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilwoman Reeves.

WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) Transportation Act provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to federal, state, local government agencies, non-profit organizations and commercial entities to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails, and

WHEREAS, the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is an assistance program of the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) administered for the State of Louisiana by the Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism Office of State Parks, Louisiana Recreational Trails Program with assistance from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Rails to Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) has been delegated the responsibility for the program administration within the State of Louisiana and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program, as established by CFDA 20.219, and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before the submission of said application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Iberville Parish Council and the City of Plaquemine be and is hereby authorized to submit an application and the Iberville Parish Council approves the grant application filing by the City of Plaquemine with the Federal Rails to Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) for the Plaquemine Riverfront Recreational Trail Phase One (1); and further certifies that the said applicant as or will have prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including twenty (20%) percent local match), operate and maintain the project and appoint Edwin M. "Ed" Reeves, Jr., Mayor, City of Plaquemine as the agent of the City of Plaquemine to conduct all negotiation, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report; which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 by the following vote on roll call:

YEAS: Ourso, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Dominique, Morgan.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

Upon a motion by Councilman Vallet, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved to go out of addendum. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Ourso, Jackson, Reeves, Lewis, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Taylor, Dominique, Morgan.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN