

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

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; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4; Steve C. Smith, District 5; Courtney P. Lewis, District 6; Ty J. Arnold, District 7; Terry J. Bradford, District 9; Louis R. Kelley, Jr., District 10; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12.

Absent: Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Hunter S. Markins, District 8; Timothy J. Vallet, District 11; 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 on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018. 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**

A) Proclaiming April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month

- Chairman Jewell read aloud a proclamation proclaiming April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month in Iberville Parish.
- Ms. Teresa Harlan, representing Families Helping Families came before the Council to accept the proclamation and speak. Ms. Harlan stated their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Active for Autism 5K Run/Walk & Fun Fest to help bring awareness of Autism will be on May 5, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

**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 March 20, 2018 and approve as written. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yeas and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Jackson, Smith, Lewis, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso stated the Parish requested a traffic study through DOTD. Hwy 3066 and Enterprise Boulevard will have a four way stop at the jail. If the numbers from the study do not warrant a four way stop on Bayou Jacob Road they will recommend a turn lane instead.
- President Ourso presented a picture of a pile of vegetative debris that was removed Bayou Grosse Tete. The pile of debris was 115 feet long, 70 feet wide, and 30 feet high, and required 12 dump truck loads. This project is over 75% complete.
- Senator Rick Ward has passed a bill in the Senate to designate a Capital Area Road District, comprised of the five Parish Presidents of the Capital Area. If the bill is passed, it will be a taxing district to help fund the current traffic woes in this area.
- The Parish's aqua dams and the aqua dam facility were recently investigated by Corps of Engineers. Substantial completion has been completed on the facility and the aqua dam are now being stored there.
- Hurricane Season begins June 1, 2018 and it is predicted to be an active season. The aqua dams will be deployed on Bayou Manchac road should an emergency occur.
- Human Resources has starting advertisement the opening of the position of the Parks & Recreation Director. The cutoff date for applications is May 6, 2018. President Ourso stated the Civic Center's management should be separated from the Parks & Recreation Department.
- Chairman Jewell asked for an update on Highway 4011. President Ourso stated the Parish took pictures of the highway and sent them to DOTD. President Ourso believes the culver under the road could be causing the holes in the highway.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Mr. Hank Grace stated there is a proposed new plant expansion in East Iberville. A representative from Louisiana Economic Development to talk about State incentive for this project and will be meeting with Mr. Hank Grace. There is another proposed project in St. Gabriel from a company in France. Mr. Grace will keep the Council posted on the outcomes of these projects. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Iberville Chamber of Commerce Dancing with the Stars will be on August 11, 2018. Mr. Grace also announced the Chamber of Commerce now has a Facebook page to keep the public informed.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated the Finance Department is currently working on the audit. There were no questions from the Council.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A) Introduction of Ordinance

The following ordinances were introduced by Mr. Songy:

- 1) Ordinance providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2018, of the Parish of Iberville, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; authorizing the agreement with the Paying Agent, if necessary; and providing for other matters in connection therewith
- 2) Ordinance to acquire property from Bezet for Water Production Plant Intake Project Improvement

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Bradford, it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 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, Jackson, Smith, Lewis, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on April 17, 2018.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

### ADDENDUM

Upon a motion by Councilman Taylor, and seconded by Councilman Arnold, it was moved to go into addendum. 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, Jackson, Smith, Lewis, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Markins.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

A) ADDENDUM- RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LAW FIRM OF PENDLEY, BAUDIN, COFFMAN, LLC TO FILE A CLAIM AND REPRESENT THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL IN THE OPIOID LITIGATION INVOLVING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES

**RESOLUTION IPC # 2018-004**

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LAW FIRM OF PENDLEY, BAUDIN, COFFMAN, LLC TO FILE A CLAIM AND REPRESENT THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL IN THE OPIOID LITIGATION INVOLVING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES**

The following resolution was offered by Councilwoman Lewis and seconded by Councilman Smith.

WHEREAS, there is on-going litigation over the opioid epidemic across our country which includes Iberville Parish as an affected area; and

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council (*hereinafter IPC*) is the governing body of said Parish; and

WHEREAS, to proceed ahead in this litigation it has become necessary for the IPC to retain outside counsel to prosecute and defend their interest in these legal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish such, will necessitate the IPC contracting with outside legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, this litigation involves complex issues of law therefore a real necessity exists for special counsel, as authorized by Article IV, Section 4-02(D) of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the IPC as the governing authority of the Parish of Iberville, does hereby authorize that the law firm of Pendley, Baudin, Coffman, LLC be and is hereby authorized to file a claim and represent the Iberville Parish Council in the opioid litigation involving pharmaceutical companies.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Taylor, Ourso, Jackson, Smith, Lewis, Arnold, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Dominique, Markins.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

/s/ KIRSHA D. BARKER  
COUNCIL CLERK

/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN