

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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: Shalanda L. Allen, District 1; Chasity B. Easley; District 2; Thomas E. Dominique, Sr., District 3; Leonard Jackson, Sr., District 4. Steve C. Smith District 5; Raheem T. Pierce, 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; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: None.

Parish President- J. Mitchell Ourso, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy, and Legal Counsel- Scott Stassi was also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2023. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Council Chairman Jewell called for anyone wanting to make public comments to register with the Clerk. Leann Kirkland, Richard Callegan, Charlotte Gaspard, Daven Tullier, Maurice Bolotte Jr., Darrenger Ballock, and James Hymel registered to speak.

ADDENDUM

A) Presentation by Talos Energy-Carbon Dioxide Storage Project

Upon a motion by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman Easley to add the Addendum Presentation as Items 5-B and Taminco resolution discussion from 13-A to 11-E on the regular meeting agenda. The motion having been duly submitted to a vote was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

A) Presentation to the family of Rozelia Thomas

- A resolution of condolence was read aloud and presented to the family of the late Rozelia Thomas by Councilman Dominique.

B) Presentation by Talos Energy-Carbon Dioxide Storage Project

- Charles Ware, a representative for Talos Energy, came before the Council and presented a slideshow. He stated that Talos Energy is an oil and gas company that also has a CCS (Carbon Capture Sequestration) division and their main focus is to reduce industrial emissions. They currently have no active CCS sites but have multiple proposed sites.
- He explained what that the CCS process is to capture CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that are put out by industrial plants and after it has been captured it is then transported through underground pipelines. From the pipeline the CO<sub>2</sub> is sent to wellbores and permanent stored underground. The wells underground would be about 1 -2 miles below ground. He stated that 66% of the greenhouse gases produced in Louisiana are produced by industrial plants. The Louisiana Climate action plan is

to reduce the number of GHG emissions and they believe the CCS is best way to reduce the number of GHG emissions. The Class 6 permits that are needed for this project are issued by the EPA. Talos has not started the process of getting a permit from the EPA and that process can take about 2 years. The entire permit process is build around protecting the ground water.

- Council Chairman Jewell and Councilman Kelley both said they were against the project and do not want it to come to Iberville Parish.
- Councilwoman Easley shared concerns from people in her area and expressed that everyone was worried what this project would do to the farm land, fishing, and would it lead to sinkholes.
- Council Chairman Jewell, Councilman Kelley, Councilman Dominique, Councilwoman Easley, and Councilman Smith all asked questions and voiced concern about the proposed project.
- Councilman Kelley asked Representative Chad Brown about what has been passed in the State Legislator regarding carbon Sequestration. He said the state has passed the framework for the carbon capture projects. Some state legislators feel that carbon capture is good for the state and the oil and gas industry. The State of Louisiana can only issue a class 5 permit which does not allow for capturing CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Mr. James Fry Hymel came before the council in opposition of the Talos Energy project. He stated that about a half mile from the proposed site that there is a dome oil field below ground. He asked Charles Ware with Talos questions about future plans of the project and what pipelines would they use to transport the CO<sub>2</sub>. He also expressed concern about what would happen is CO<sub>2</sub> would leak into the homes around the proposed site.
- Darrenger Ballock came before the council in opposition of the Talos Energy project. He expressed that Talos has never done this kind of work before and doesn't want Iberville Parish and the White Castle area to be the test site.
- Maurice Bolotte Jr. came before the council in opposition of the Talos Energy project and asked Talos why is the projected area so close to a residential area. Charles Ware stated that the areas are chosen because of multiple factors and they don't have a set area within the lease where the injection wells will be.
- Daven Tullier and Charlotte Gaspard passed on their turn to speak.
- Richard Callegan came before the council in opposition of the Talos Energy project. He asked what operating pressure the inject wells would operate at. He suggested that the pressure that would be needed to operate the wells would produce more emissions.
- Leann Kirkland came before the council in opposition of the Talos Energy project. She expressed that she did not want the proposed area to be guinea pig for the project. She also asked what would happen to the area if Talos went bankrupt because they are only leasing the land. She does not want the company to proceed with the project.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Jackson, and seconded by Councilman Dominique, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of January 17, 2023 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: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso reported on the following:

- President Ourso addressed the public and the Council about a letter that he sent out to the public regarding Talos Energy proposed project. He stated that when he learned about the project and the land lease he sent out the letter to everyone in a 5-mile radius to inform them and let them know about the council meeting tonight. He expressed that he was upset with White Castle Lumber and Shingle for leasing the land to Talos in April 2022.
- He stated that 2022 was the best year for sales tax and that over \$90 million dollars was collected.
- Belleview park is 95% complete and is planning a ribbon cutting for the end of March. Stated there was an electrical issue that is now fixed.
- Received about \$3 million dollars for road repairs and encouraged the council members to contact him about any issues with the roads in their area.
- Received grant from federal government for about half million dollars for HVAC clean air filtration system for the Council on Aging. The Parish might have to send 300,000 back to federal government because the project came in under budget.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn had an emergency and had to leave before his presentation.

## OLD BUSINESS

A) None.

## NEW BUSINESS

A) Introduction of Ordinances

- 1) Ordinance to amend section 3-22 of the compiled ordinances of Iberville Parish pertaining to rabies vaccination
- 2) Ordinance to amend the Iberville Parish Council personnel policy handbook related to annual leave
- 3) Ordinance to increase the commercial gas meter deposit for the Iberville Parish Utility Department

Upon a motion by Councilman Kelley, seconded by Councilman Bradford it was moved that a public hearing be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the introduced ordinance.

The motion having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following yea and nay votes on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Bradford, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 28, 2023.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolution Committee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:15 p.m., followed by the roll call with the following Resolution Committee Members only in attendance: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Jackson, Dominique, Morgan.

Absent: None.

The following resolution was read aloud by Mr. Songy:

- A) Resolution of the Iberville Parish Council approving Shintech Louisiana, LLC for participation in the industrial tax exemption program in Iberville Parish, Louisiana
- B) Resolution approving the appointment of a director and an alternate director to represent the Iberville Parish natural gas system, state of Louisiana, on the board of directors of the Louisiana municipal natural gas purchasing and distribution authority as provided by chapter 10-b of title 33 of the Louisiana revised statutes of 1950
- C) Resolution Requesting City of Plaquemine to Consider Installation of Street Lighting in St. Louis Subdivision
- D) Resolution of the Iberville Parish Council authorizing and directing the Council Chairman to execute a contract with Strategic Demographics, LLC to provide post-redistricting services for the Iberville Parish Council
- E) Resolution to the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry regarding the Industrial Tax Exemption Program contract number 20180142-a-ite

Councilman Smith made a recommendation to forward the resolution 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: Smith, Vallet, Pierce, Arnold, Kelley, Markins, Dominique, Jackson, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

During the Regular Meeting:

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL APPROVING SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM IN IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, Article 7, section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution, pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and R.S. 36:104 provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”) with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC has applied for an Industrial Tax Exemption (“ITE”) Tax Exemption Application #20220044 ITE- \$25,000,000.00 and has approval of the BCI for a contract granting that exemption; and

WHEREAS, ITE contracts should be premised upon job and payroll creation or retention at new or expanded manufacturing plants or establishments, and that the percentage of exemption be 80% for a term of five years, renewable for an additional term of five years from ad valorem taxes in accordance with guidance received from the Secretary of Economic Development and concurred in by the appropriate parish and/or municipal council, school board, and sheriff; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of

Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC to the Industrial Tax Exemption contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC with respect to the White Castle Brine Expansion located in IBERVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA based on the following conditions:

A. Performance Objectives/Job Creation or Retention Requirements

Construction Jobs-60

Contract Jobs-16

16 Contract Jobs will be retained at this existing White Castle site. The new investment is for new Brine Wells to increase production to maximum capacity to produce and supply Brine to support increased demand from Shintech's newly announced SPP3-PVC expansion at the Plaquemine Site/  
Total Estimated Investments-25,500,00.00

B. Industrial Tax Exemption of Iberville Parish Ad Valorem Taxes

In the event that SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC fails to complete its project, or fails to timely meet its performance objectives and/or job creation/retention requirements, including but not limited to the retention creation of the number of jobs or the achieving or maintaining of payroll amounts within the time and for the term agreed, as specified in its award agreement; if SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC ceases its operations, reduces its employment numbers or payroll amounts to less than 90% of the required amounts; such shall constitute a default under the award agreement, and LED and IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL shall retain all rights to modify the terms and conditions of the incentive.

The IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL further authorizes the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, on behalf of the Board of Commerce and Industry, to include this resolution to the Industrial Tax Exemption Contract between the Board of Commerce and Industry and SHINTECH LOUISIANA, LLC.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Bradford.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 28, 2023.

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-\_\_**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR  
AND AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE IBERVILLE  
PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS  
PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY  
CHAPTER 10-B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF  
1950**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, the IBERVILLE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, State of Louisiana, has previously become a member of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4546.2 of the Act, the governing authority of the IBERVILLE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, State of Louisiana, desires to approve the appointment of Brian Berthelot to serve as a Director of the Authority and to approve

the appointment of Randall Dunn to serve as an alternate Director to act in the absence of the director herein above named;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of the IBERVILLE PARISH NATURAL GAS SYSTEM, State of Louisiana, acting in such capacity:

Section 1. That, pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Brian Berthelot to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of four (4) years from the date hereof is approved and that the appointment of Randall Dunn to serve as an alternate Director, for like term, to act in the absence of the director is approved.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Bradford.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF PLAQUEMINE CONSIDER  
INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTING WITHIN ST. LOUIS SUBDIVISION TO  
PROVIDE FOR INCREASED SAFETY OF THE MOTORING PUBLIC**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, the residents of St. Louis Subdivision have expressed that street lights be installed on the public streets within the subdivision for enhancing the safety of the motoring public utilizing the subdivision streets.

WHEREAS, the City of Plaquemine provides the utility services for residents of St. Louis Subdivision, including electrical service.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council respectfully requests that the City of Plaquemine review the request of the residents of St. Louis Subdivision to install street lighting along the public streets of the subdivision to provide for better roadway safety throughout the area.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council requests that the Council Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of Plaquemine to consider the request for street lighting from St. Louis Subdivision residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Parish Council Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to Mayor Edwin M. Reeves, Jr. and to the members of the City of Plaquemine Council to consider the request of the residents of St. Louis Subdivision to install street lighting along the public streets within the subdivision.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, by the following vote on roll call;

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley, Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Bradford.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 28, 2023.

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-00\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO  
EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH STRATEGIC DEMOGRAPHICS, LLC  
TO PROVIDE POST-REDISTRICTING SERVICES FOR THE  
IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the United States Constitution and federal law, there is conducted a decennial census of the population of the United States;

WHEREAS, the most recent federal decennial census was conducted in 2020 and the results thereof will be released in 2021;

WHEREAS, Louisiana law mandates that the Iberville Parish Council consider the impact of the federal decennial census on its election districts to determine whether the relative populations of those election districts are in accordance with the principals of one person one vote set forth in the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this obligation, the Iberville Parish Council requires the assistance of professionals in demographics, reapportionment and redistricting;

WHEREAS, Section 2-02 entitled "Reapportionment" of the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter provides that following official publication of each census by the United States Bureau of the Census for the Parish of Iberville, the Council, shall, if required, by ordinance alter, rearrange or change Council district boundaries in order to provide for population equality among the districts. Each district shall reflect as near as possible the "One Man, One Vote" principle.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council must make the necessary preparations for the process of reapportionment upon receiving the official publication of the U.S. Census Report for 2020 and to ensure the reapportionment process is conducted timely in accordance with the Iberville Parish Home Rule Charter.

WHEREAS, Strategic Demographics, LLC, through its principals and subcontractors has extensive experience in demographics, reapportionment and redistricting, including experience following the 2000 and 2010 census;

WHEREAS, Strategic Demographics, LLC has submitted a proposed Contract for Demographic Services, a copy of which is attached hereto;

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council authorizes and directs the Council Chairman, to execute the Contract for Demographic Services with Strategic Demographics, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iberville Parish Council as follows:

*"That Matthew Jewell, Council Chairman, be and is hereby authorized to negotiate and engage the professional services of "Strategic Demographics, LLC" to conduct and perform the post-redistricting precinct merger of the Iberville Parish Council in accordance with law."*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Iberville Parish Council authorizes and directs the Council Chairman to take all actions necessary to carry out the Contract for Demographic Services with Strategic Demographics, LLC;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Iberville Parish Council directs the Council Clerk to forward an executed copy of this Resolution and the attached Contract for Demographic Services to Strategic Demographic, LLC.

The above resolution was duly adopted in regular session this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 by the following vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley,  
Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Bradford.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

**RESOLUTION IPC# 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION TO THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
REGARDING THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM CONTRACT  
NUMBER 20180142-A-ITE**

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Smith, and seconded by Councilman Dominique.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Commerce and Industry has notified the Iberville Parish Council by letter dated December 29, 2022 regarding notice of Non-Compliance for the year 2021 for Taminco US, LLC located in St. Gabriel, Louisiana due to failure of company to satisfy the requirements of Exhibit "A" related to required jobs and required payroll.

WHEREAS, the site manager of Taminco US, LLC appeared before the Iberville Parish Council and provided a detailed explanation of the ITEP project and non-compliance issue.

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the documentation submitted by the Board and the explanation provided by Taminco US, LLC, the Iberville Parish Council decided to defer any decision or action on the Company's non-compliance to the Louisiana Board of Commerce & Industry in accordance with Section 6.01(B)(4) of Exhibit A of the ITEP contract.

WHEREAS, the Parish Council Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Louisiana Economic Development, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

WHEREAS, the foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote was adopted in regular session this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 by the following vote on roll call:

YEAS: Allen, Easley, Dominique, Jackson, Smith, Pierce, Arnold, Markins, Kelley,  
Vallet, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Bradford.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted by the Chairman on February 28, 2023.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT**

None.

**DISCUSSIONS**

A) LED correspondence on ITEP for Taminco, LLC.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Kelley, and seconded by Councilman Vallet, to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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/s/ MACY WILLIAMSON  
COUNCIL CLERK

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/s/ MATTHEW H. JEWELL  
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN