

**IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022**

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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; Matthew H. Jewell, District 12; Bart B. Morgan, District 13.

Absent: Vallet.

Chief Administrative Officer- Edward Songy and Legal Counsel, Scott Stassi were also in attendance.

A quorum was present and due notice had been posted and published in the Plaquemine Post South newspaper on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022. 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.

**ADDENDUM**

Upon a motion by Councilman Markins, seconded by Councilman Pierce, it was moved to add Judge Steve Miller to the presentations and appearances. 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,  
Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

**PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES**

A) Announcing candidacy for State Senator District 17- Jeremy LaCombe

- Mr. Jeremy LaCombe came before the Council to officially announce his candidacy for State Senator District 17. He is a native of New Road, LA and he is married to Dr. Jessica Jarreau LaCombe and they have three children. He is currently serving as a member of the Louisiana House of Representative for the 18<sup>th</sup> district. He assumed that role after winning a special election in 2019. He reviewed legislation that he has worked on in his 3 years serving district 18, such

as education funds, teacher raises, early childhood development funds, higher education funds, infrastructure funds, LA1-415 connector funding, new bridge funding, and a few other projects. Mr. Jeremy LaCombe expressed his belief that he was the best man for this seat because he will cross party lines to work with other senators and he will fight for his districts. He asked for the support of the Council for the upcoming election. He thanked everyone for their time and consideration.

B) Announcing candidacy for First Circuit Court of Appeals – Judge Steve Miller

- Judge Steven Miller came before the Council to officially announce his candidacy for First Circuit Court of Appeals. He is currently a state district court judge in Lafourche Parish for the last eight years. He is married to Anne Miller and they have two children. Judge Steve Miller reviewed his background, experience and qualifications. He asked for the support of the Council for the upcoming election. He thanked everyone for their time and consideration.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman Easley, it was moved to wave the reading of the minutes of July 19, 2022 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, Morgan.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The motion was declared adopted by the Chairman.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Ourso was not present, this agenda item was passed on due to President Ourso's absence.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director, Randall Dunn stated that the Belleview park has been delayed due to weather, and work on the concession stand and the turf fields has begun. The drainage work at the park is complete. They are estimating that the park will be completed by the end of year. The Courthouse security project is close to being done. Just waiting on the turnstiles and cameras to be installed. He also stated that the parish Sales taxes are up.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A) LED correspondence on ITEP for Ohmstede, Ltd.

**RESOLUTION IPC # 013-22**

**RESOLUTION TO THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TO  
TERMINATE THE INDUSTRIAL TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM CONTRACT  
NUMBER 20180424-ITE AS IT RELATES TO THE IBERVILLE PARISH COUNCIL  
AND IBERVILLE PARISH PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT AD VALOREM  
TAX MILLAGES**

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2022 the Louisiana Department of Economic Development notified the Iberville Parish Council that pursuant to the provisions of Industrial Tax Exemption Program Contract No. 20180424, Ohmstead, LTD was not in compliance with the agreement by failing to satisfy that the Company's required 9 jobs and required payroll of \$1,200,000.00 for project years of 2020 and 2021.

WHEREAS, the Parish's Director of Economic Development attempted to contact Ohmstead, LTD by calling the local Ohmstead, LTD facility in St. Gabriel, LA and the Corporate Office in Beaumont, TX to no avail to discuss the non-compliance with the terms of the ITEP agreement.

WHEREAS, the Iberville Parish Council desires to terminate the ITEP exemption for ITEP Contract No. 20180424-ITE as it relates to the Iberville Parish Council and Iberville Parish Parks and Recreation District

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

“That ITEP Contract No. 20180424-ITE for Ohmstead, LTD, be terminated as it relates to the Iberville Parish Council and Iberville Parish Parks & Recreation District for non-compliance by failing to satisfy the requirements of said contract for the years 2020 and 2021 related to required jobs and payroll.”

Upon a motion by Councilman Jackson and seconded by Councilman Dominique, the foregoing resolution having been duly submitted to a vote, was duly adopted by the following vote on roll call:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Vallet.

The resolution was declared adopted by Chairman Jewell on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

None.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORT

None.

DISCUSSIONS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Jewell read the following announcement aloud.

- A) Notice to the Public- The Iberville Parish Council will hold three public meetings at 6:00 p.m. on August 23, 2022, August 30, 2022, and September 6, 2022 to establish which trial plan will be proposed and drafted as an ordinance for the reapportionment plan for Iberville Parish. The three public meetings will be held in the Council Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Courthouse Building, 58050 Meriam Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilman Markins, and seconded by Councilman Bradford, to adjourn at 7:20 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