

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

IBERIA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of Iberia Parish, Louisiana met in Special Session in the Parish Council Chambers, Main Courthouse Building, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

The following members were recorded PRESENT:

Maggie F. Daniels, Curtis Boudoin, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Jerome Fitch, Aquicline Rener-Arnold, M. Larry Richard, and Naray Hulin.

ABSENT: Roger Duncan.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ernest Freyou, Parish President  
Sally Angers, Chief Administrative  
Officer  
Kimberly Segura, Finance Director  
Kevin Hagerich, Public Works Director  
Eric Duplantis, Legal Counsel

The Parish Council of the Parish of Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the Governing Authority of the Parish of Iberia by Mr. Bernard E. Broussard, its Vice Chairman, who announced that the Council was now ready to conduct its business.

MEMO: Iberia Parish Council

SUBJECT: Notice of Special Meeting

Please be advised that there will be a Special Meeting of the Iberia Parish Council on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at Five O'Clock (5:00) P.M. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Main Courthouse Building.

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider a Resolution taking action regarding recent proposals for curbside recycling services.

Please mark your calendars accordingly and make every effort to attend.

BY DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

/s/ Diane B. Phillips  
Diane B. Phillips, CPS  
Clerk of the Council

cc: Parish President  
CAO  
Department Heads  
News Media

Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard announced that Mr. Roger Duncan was unable to chair the meeting due to prior engagements.

A motion was made by Mr. Curtis Boudoin, seconded by Mr. Thomas J. Landry, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby recess its Special Session and convene as a Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding Resolutions being considered for final adoption.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Curtis Boudoin, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Jerome Fitch, Aquicline Rener-Arnold.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roger Duncan and Naray Hulin.

ABSENT AT VOTING: M. Larry Richard.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2011.

Ms. Valarie stated that she appreciated the fact that the Parish has not cut the recycling program out at this point. She questioned if a central recycling station wouldn't be more cost effective than a route and stressed the need for educating the general public regarding a recycling program.

Mr. M. Larry Richard entered the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Upon hearing no further comments, a motion was made by Mr. Lloyd Brown, seconded by Mr. Troy Comeaux, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn its Public Hearing and reconvene into Special Session.

This motion having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Maggie F. Daniels, Curtis Boudoin, Thomas J. Landry, Lloyd Brown, Troy Comeaux, Bernard E. Broussard, John Berard, Barry Verret, Glenn Romero, Jerome Fitch, Aquicline Rener-Arnold, and M. Larry Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Roger Duncan and Naray Hulin.

And the motion was declared adopted this 7th day of September, 2011.

A motion was made by Mr. Glenn Romero, seconded by Mr. M. Larry Richard, that Summary No. 233, which is a Resolution taking action regarding proposals received for curbside recycling services, be discussed at this time.

Parish President Ernest Freyou stated that the Administration is recommending that the Parish consider the Recycling Foundation's offer of \$2.21 per household for a 64 gallon cart with every other week pick up. The cost of this service is \$337,97.88 and the carts would only be provided to those persons interested in participating in the recycling program.

Mr. Steven Cheetham, with the Recycling Foundation, addressed the Council and stated that the recyclables from the carts would be picked up every other week. Carts would be delivered to residents interested in recycling, allowing them to mix all recyclables in one container.

Mr. Thomas J. Landry pointed out that Iberia Parish had a low rate of participation with its recycling program and questioned if the Parish could expect an increase in participation if they would change from the bin system to the cart system.

Mr. Cheetham stated that people prefer to roll a cart to the street as compared to carrying a bin and stated that their participation rate has always increased when changing to the cart system. He stated that currently East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Youngsville are all utilizing a cart system for their recyclables program. He also pointed out that Youngsville began with every other week and due to the increase in participation, they have increased their service to twice a week pick up.

Mr. Cheetham suggested that the Parish allow the residents to continue using their bins to begin the program and once it is determined who is interested in recycling, those residents be issued a cart.

Mr. Eric Duplantis entered the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

During discussion of the possibility of a drop-off site, Mr. Cheetham stated that the site became a "dump" site, containing items such as crawfish peelings, etc. Mr. Cheetham stated that Lafayette Parish discontinued their drop-off sites about a year ago.

Mr. Naray Hulin entered the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Ms. Maggie F. Daniels pointed out that the cost is based on 12,744 households; however, only about 1/4 of the residents participate in the recycling program. Ms. Daniels stated that she feels that the cost is too expensive for a program with so little participation.

Upon questioning, Mr. Cheetham stated that the contract would have a CPI adjustment. He stated that 100% participation is not likely; however, the Parish could realize a 10-15% increase immediately in the participation rate, raising the participation rate to about 25% of the residents. Though education, the Parish may even see up to a 30% increase.

Ms. Maggie F. Daniels pointed out that a recycling program is not new to the Parish. Ms. Daniels stated that she could support a program wherein the Parish is only charged for those people

participating in the program, but that she could not support it as it presented since it is based on a total of 12,744 households.

Upon questioning by Mr. Glenn Romero, Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard pointed out that the total rural population is approximately 25,000.

Mr. John Berard stated he was concerned with the cost for the recycling program. Mr. Berard questioned if the current solid waste provider could determine what residents would be interested in participating in a recycling program since they are already going through the route. Perhaps, the two contractors could work together and consolidate the recycling route with the solid waste route. Mr. Cheetham pointed out that their trucks would have to follow the current solid waste provider to "run the route" and the recyclable materials have to be separated from the solid waste.

Mr. Jerome W. Fitch expressed his concerns with the \$2.21 price per month changing if only 10% of the residents participate in the rural areas. Mr. Cheetham stated that the Recycling Foundation will stand by their price of \$2.21 for whatever percentage of residents choose to participate in the program. Mr. Fitch also reminded the Council that in the past, the State DEQ or face penalties. Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard requested DEQ.

Mr. John Berard exited the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Mr. Naray Hulin agreed with Mr. Fitch in that the Parish must meet the mandated reduction in solid waste being land filled. Mr. Hulin also pointed out that during past discussions, it was determined that the Parish would be able to meet DEQ's mandates if the Parish did not implement a recycling program.

Mr. John Berard re-entered the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard pointed out that the Parish currently reduces its solid waste stream by picking up trees, white goods, and separating items that would possibly be going into the land fill. Parish President Ernest Freyou stated that the Parish is already realizing a 15% reduction in solid waste being land filled at this time.

Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard questioned if the Parish could utilize the service at a cost of \$255,389 (\$1.67 per household). The Parish could then purchase the carts at a cost of \$41 each for only those residents that would participate in the recycling program, with the carts being assembled by Public Works employees and/or inmates, resulting in a savings to the Parish.

Mr. Broussard questioned if the Recycling Foundation would honor the same prices for the municipalities and Mr. Cheetham stated that they would honor these prices. Mr. Broussard suggested either using the existing bins that residents already have or contracting for only the service and purchasing the carts for only those persons who will participate in the program.

Mr. Lloyd Brown questioned if the proposed contract provided any requirements for allocating funding for education purposes. Chief Administrative Office Sally Angers stated that was a provision of the old contract and was not included in the new

proposed contract. Parish President Ernest Freyou pointed out that the old contract was negotiated over ten years ago and education was a part of that negotiation.

Mr. Steven Cheetham stated that they would continue to provide educational opportunities, such as providing information to the schools and at public building and distributing inserts with water bills. He also pointed out that the price of \$1.71 is available for collection in the existing bins and would be for service once a week.

Mr. M. Larry Richard stated that he is in support of a recycling program. He pointed out that the Parish would be paying for the service for 12,744 carts; however, carts would only be available to those residents interested in participating in the recycling program. Mr. Cheetham pointed out that an alternative option would be \$3.34 for every other week pick up for providing carts to all households. Vice Chairman Broussard pointed out that a ten year contract would reduce this price to \$2.74 per household for the same service.

Mr. Cheetham pointed out that for the \$2.21 option, if all 12,744 households want to recycle, then all households would get a cart. He explained that the Parish could receive the lower cost and IESI would take the risk of being able to collect the materials in each cart.

Mr. Naray Hulin pointed out that solid waste and recycling costs have increased over the years. We are currently paying \$10.49 per household for solid waste disposal and if we select the \$2.21 option for recycling, that will put out total costs at approximately \$13 per household. In past discussions, revenues generated by the sales tax would only be sufficient for a cost of \$10 per household.

Parish President Ernest Freyou requested that Finance Director Kimberly Segura present information to the Committee regarding the current costs associated with solid waste collection and disposal. Ms. Segura pointed out that the current sales tax generates approximately \$2,700,000 and the current expenses for solid waste (\$1,634,000) and bulky waste (\$1,486,000) total \$3,120,000, leaving a deficient of \$420,000. Ms. Segura stated that should the Parish elect to implement a recycling program, the additional cost as proposed by the Recycling Foundation (\$338,000) would bring this deficient to \$758,000.

Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard clarified that the Parish proposes to fund the current deficient from the fund balance. Parish President Ernest Freyou stated that they had done this last year and intend to do this again this year.

Parish President Ernest Freyou pointed out that they have been trying to confirm the proposal cost of \$2.00 per household for the bulky waste collection and disposal with IESI.

Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard also clarified that the current cost of \$1,486,000 for bulky waste includes all costs collection and disposal, while the proposal of \$318,384 for a new contract is only for pick up and does not include any costs for disposal as this proposal is based on the disposal being into the Parish-owned landfill. Thus, additional costs may be incurred for disposal of bulky waste if the Parish landfill is not utilized for disposal of same.

Public Works Director Kevin Hagerich explained that the costs associated with the Parish landfill include a small crew, which would include personnel costs, and those costs could not be determined at this time.

After some discussion of this information, Mr. Naray Hulin pointed out that he felt that the Council would not be ready to make a decision at tonight's meeting regarding the implementation of a recycling program. Mr. Hulin requested Finance Director Kimberly Segura to provide projections regarding additional revenues projected if the solid waste sales tax would be increased and/or an additional tax would be levied in addition to information on the impact on the budget if the Council does not adjust the millage rates.

Mr. Lloyd Brown questioned if the Parish's Public Works Department could absorb a recycling program by picking up the recyclables instead of contracting this service. Public Works Director Kevin Hagerich stated that it would take approximately \$60,000 to implement such a program and it would basically shut down the Public Works Department functions that exist today. Mr. Hagerich pointed out that if the Parish purchased the carts unassembled, the Public Works Department could assemble and would be able to distribute about 12 carts at a time. The Department would have to distribute about 6,000 carts. Mr. Hagerich stated that this would take about 50 employees to work such a schedule and the Public Works Department would be unable to accomplish its regular work schedule.

Ms. Maggie F. Daniels suggested that the carts be assembled at a central location, such as at SugArena, wherein they could be assembled and distributed from that point.

Mr. Troy Comeaux suggested that the Parish utilize other sources to assemble the carts, such as temporary employees, trustees, ARC personnel, etc., and then transporting the carts to the Parish fire departments for distribution from that point. Mr. Comeaux questioned how often bulky waste was picked up and Mr. Hagerich stated this is done every other months.

Mr. Comeaux pointed out that he feels that an increase in recycling participation is possible as the City of New Iberia's participation went up from 33% to 49%. Mr. Comeaux also liked the ideal that schools and government buildings would be included in this proposal. Mr. Comeaux also stated that Ms. Shelley Greer-Hebert with the Keep Iberia Parish Beautiful Program could promote recycling to create public awareness. Mr. Comeaux stated that he would support the 64 gallon carts and not the bins. Mr. Comeaux stated that he feels that he would like to obtain more information before committing to these expenditures for recycling and/or bulky waste.

Vice Chairman Bernard E. Broussard requested that the Council take the recycling information under advisement and requested the Administration to provide the following:

1. Confirm the proposal price of \$318,384 (\$2.00 per household) with IESI for Bulky Waste for twice a month pick up and to also include the cost for disposal at a landfill;
2. Details and/or possible costs relating to options for assembly and distribution sites, such as the fire stations versus a single location;

3. Contact the Recycling Foundation to discuss the time frame for assembling and distributing the carts through contracted and/or temporary labor for:
  - (a) the option of service only at \$1.67 for pick up every other week with a 64 gallon cart;
  - (b) the option of \$1.71 for pick up every week with current 18 gallon bins; and
  - (c) the option of \$2.21 for pick up every other week with a 64 gallon cart.

Mr. Glenn Romero requested that the municipalities of Delcambre, Jeanerette, and Loreauville be offered to "piggyback" onto the Parish's program. Public Works Director Kevin Hagerich stated that these proposals include only Delcambre and Loreauville.

Mr. Jack Quinn with Waste Management suggested that another option would be to have a truck come in on a Saturday and people could bring their recyclables to the designated location. Upon questioning, Mr. Quinn stated that the truck could rotate to various locations during that day over an 8 to 10 hour time frame, spending approximately 2 hours at each location.

A motion was made by Mr. John Berard, seconded by Mr. Barry Verret, that the Iberia Parish Council does hereby adjourn.

The motion carried.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:

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Clerk of the Council