

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE NEW IBERIA CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 AT 5:31 PM.**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, met in public session at City Hall, 457 East Main Street, New Iberia, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at Five Thirty-One (5:31) p.m., (Central Standard Time). Present were the Mayor, Freddie DeCourt, as well as the following members of the New Iberia City Council, Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member David Broussard was absent.

The City Council for the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority for the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, by the Honorable Mayor, who then stated that the Governing Authority was ready for the transaction of business. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON):**

NONE.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Regular meeting of August 20, 2024, which will be published on September 7, 2024.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle**  
**NAYS: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: David Broussard**

**Motion Adopted.**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-23:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Evangeline Little League related to the hosting of their sports seasons at the New Iberia Pepperplex

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle**  
**NAYS: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: David Broussard**

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-24:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Iberia Soccer Association related to the hosting of their sports seasons at the New Iberia Pepperplex

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle**  
**NAYS: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: David Broussard**

**Motion Adopted.**

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-107:** A Resolution changing the regular meeting date of November 5, 2024 to November 6, 2024 due to the declaration of November 5<sup>th</sup> as a Legal State Holiday in Louisiana

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle**  
**NAYS: NONE**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: David Broussard**

**Motion Adopted.**

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. The Council discussed political signs in the City of New Iberia. (Ricky Gonsoulin)
- b. Matt Gulotta discussed dilapidated and dangerous condition of properties at the following locations:
- i. 700 San Jacinto Circle
  - ii. 722 Hopkins Street
  - iii. 840 Weeks Street
  - iv. 519 Silver Street
  - v. 614 Lombard Street
  - vi. 812 Vicnaire Street
- c. The Council discussed the approval of the expansion of the West End Cultural District. (Jane Braud)

**6. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on September 17, 2024.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at [www.cityofnewiberia.com](http://www.cityofnewiberia.com) under Public Works section.
- c. **City of New Iberia currently has adjudicated properties available for sale at CivicSource.com.** To initiate the auction process on one or more properties, the investor must place a deposit of \$850 on each property, which starts the prerequisite legal research and notification process that is required before the auction takes place. The pre-sale process takes approximately 120 days to complete. If the current property owner pays all delinquent taxes and fees during the pre-sale period, the depositor is refunded the deposit and the sale is halted. Visit [CivicSource.com](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

**8. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM.

/s/Lanie Kerlegon  
Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk  
City of New Iberia