

**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, JULY 2, 2024 AT 5:30 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, July 2, 2024, at Five Thirty (5:30) 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle (exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m.). Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk.

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. Dan Doerle 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 June 18, 2024, which were published on June 26, 2024.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**3. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-73:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the Bayou Teche Museum Project (Phase III) FP&C Project No. 50-ML1-17-02 and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by David Broussard**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 24-74:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the American Rescue Plan Project entitled “Upgrades to Steamboat Pavilion” and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-75:** A Resolution awarding contract to JWC Environmental, Inc. for the Procurement of Rotary Drum Screen Equipment and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Resolution No. 24-76:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Sewer System Improvements Project (FP&C Project No. 50-ML1-20-01) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- e. **Resolution No. 24-77:** A Resolution authorizing the submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Grant and providing for other matters in connection therewith

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- f. **Resolution No. 24-78:** A Resolution appointing Edward Landry to the New Iberia Municipal Fire and Civil Service Board for a three-year term to fill a vacancy created by the expiration of term for Edward Landry whose term expires July 26, 2024.

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- g. **Resolution No. 24-79:** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Erica Capak as a member of the Dangerous Animal Committee, effective immediately

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- h. **Resolution No. 24-80:** A Resolution appointing Amanda Istre as a member of the Dangerous Animal Committee

**A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte, that Resolution No. 24-80, be adopted at this time.**

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, to defer Resolution No. 24-80, to the July 16, 2024 Council Meeting.**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- i. Resolution No. 24-81: A Resolution creating the administrative process for the Business Development Grant American Rescue Plan Act Project**

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- j. Resolution No. 24-82: A Resolution creating the administrative process for the One Block at a Time: Home Repairs for Seniors, Low-Income, and Disabled Communities American Rescue Plan Act Project**

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- k. Resolution No. 24-83: A Resolution awarding contract to Chandler Staples for engineering services related to the Center Street Sidewalk Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith**

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- l. Resolution No. 24-84: A Resolution awarding contract to Hahn Enterprises, Inc. for the District 5 - Ann Street Park Playground Equipment Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith**

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-20:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Berard, Habetz, and Associates for the 2024 City of New Iberia Road Improvements Projects and setting for Public Hearing on July 16, 2024.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-25:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds for the 2024 City of New Iberia Road Improvements Projects and setting for Public Hearing on July 16, 2024.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Ordinance No. 2024-21:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Lil Brooklyn Neighborhood Association related to the Neighborhood Investments American Rescue Plan Act Project and setting for Public Hearing on July 16, 2024.

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-26:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds for the Sucrose Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade and Rehab Project and setting for Public Hearing on July 16, 2024.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-27:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds for the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program and setting for Public Hearing on July 16, 2024.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- f. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-28:** An Ordinance amending the budget to facilitate budget adjustments as recommended by the auditors and setting for Public Hearing on July 16, 2024.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**5. DISCUSSION ITEM:**

- a. A recent announcement of Cleco rate increase was discussed. (Deidre Ledbetter)

**6. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on July 16, 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 7:49 p.m.

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