

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 17, 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, September 17, 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. 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. Deedy Johnson-Reid 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 September 3, 2024, which will be published on September 18, 2024.

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.

- b. Special meeting of September 9, 2024, which will be published on September 21, 2024.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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.

3. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-109:** A Resolution appointing Brooke Milazzo to the New Iberia Parks and Recreation Commission for the remainder of a five-year term

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.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-110:** A Resolution awarding contract to Louisiana Testing and Inspection, Inc. for testing related to upcoming asphalt street reconstruction and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, 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. **Resolution No. 24-111:** A Resolution awarding contract to NCMC, LLC for the Wastewater Headworks Upgrade & Rehab Project 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.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-112:** A Resolution approving the rating criteria for the American Rescue Plan One Block at a Time 1 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.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-113:** A Resolution authorizing a second American Rescue Plan Act Business Development Grant application period

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.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-114:** A Resolution approving a two percent general increase for Municipal Classified Employees to become effective November 1, 2024

Motion by Dan Doerle, 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.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-01 (Budget Adoption Ordinance):** An Ordinance adopting a budget for the City of New Iberia for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2025 and setting for public hearing on October 1, 2024.

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.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-33:** An Ordinance amending the budget to adjust within 5% for fiscal year 2023-2024 and setting for public hearing on October 1, 2024.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-34:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect operating transfers as required by the auditors and setting for public hearing on October 1, 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.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-35:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect encumbrance carryovers from fiscal year 2023-2023 budget and setting for public hearing on October 1, 2024.

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.

5. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-115:** A Resolution declaring the attached list of buildings in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and to set date for public hearing

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.

6. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Babette Lastrapes presented the monthly budget-to-actual report from November 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The New Iberia City Council discussed possible contract services for grass cutting.

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on October 1, 2024.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.
- c. **The 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 to learn more.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM.

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