

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 16, 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, July 16, 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, 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. Brooke Marcotte 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 July 2, 2024, which will be published on July 17, 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.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Rosalind Bobb announced her candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, representing District 2.
- b. A Presentation of funding to South Louisiana Community College for City of New Iberia Sectoral Job Training Scholarships took place.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- 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

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Brooke Marcotte
Public comment: NONE
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

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.

- 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

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid
Public comment: NONE
Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

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.

- 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

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Dan Doerle

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, 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.

- 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

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-27**: An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds for the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd David Broussard

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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.

- f. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-28**: An Ordinance amending the budget to facilitate budget adjustments as recommended by the auditors

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

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.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

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

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. **Resolution No. 24-85:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Center Street Sidewalk Improvements Project 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. 24-86:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract by and between the City of New Iberia and Minvielle & Associates, LLC for grant administrative consulting services related to Act 774 of 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. **Resolution No. 24-87:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and For the Record Video Services, LLC d/b/a, Bob Laroussini Productions related to recording and live streaming of council meetings

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.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-88:** A Resolution awarding grant administrator contract to Frye Magee, LLC for the City of New Iberia CDBG-MIT Monterrey Street Detention Pond Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-89:** A Resolution approving the Procurement Policy for the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program

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.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-29:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funding for the Acadiana Crime Lab and setting for public hearing on August 6, 2024

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.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-30:** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for additional funds received from mosquito control disbursements and setting for public hearing on August 6, 2024

Hearing no objection, Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-30 was introduced for publication.

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

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-31:** An Ordinance amending the budget for street paving/Pepperplex audit adjustments and setting for public hearing on August 6, 2024

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dan Doerle

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.

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Babette Lastrapes presented the monthly budget-to-actual report for November 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. A discussion took place related to the proper procedure to dispose of grass clippings.

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on August 6, 2024.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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 to learn more.

11. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

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