

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, AUGUST 6, 2024 AT 5:33 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, August 6, 2024, at Five Thirty-Three (5:33) p.m., (Central Standard Time). Present were the Mayor, Freddie DeCourt, as well as the following members of the New Iberia City Council, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin (arrived at 5:47 p.m.), Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member Brooke Marcotte 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. Marlon Lewis 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 16, 2024, which will be published on August 10, 2024.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

ABSENT AT VOTING: Ricky Gonsoulin

Motion Adopted.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. David Groner announced his candidacy for Iberia Parish Assessor.
- b. Richard Phillips announced his candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, representing District 5.
- c. Ron Davis announced his candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, representing District 5.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-29:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funding for the Acadiana Crime Lab

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

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-30:** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for additional funds received from mosquito control disbursements

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

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-31:** An Ordinance amending the budget for street paving/Pepperplex audit adjustments

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-89:** A Resolution appointing Karen Bashay as a member of the Municipal Government Employees Civil Service Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Angelique Narcisse whose term expires March 31, 2025, as recommended by the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-90:** A Resolution awarding contract to Preferred Electric, Inc. for the Sliman Theater New Art Track Lights Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-91:** A Resolution awarding contract to Byron’s Cabinets & Wood Works for the Sliman Theater New Art Displays Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-92:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the City Park & West End Community Centers Improvements (FP&C Project No. 50-ML1-20-02) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-93:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Drainage Cleanout” (Area A) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-94:** A Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Community Infrastructure Grant Application through Delta Regional Authority for Wastewater System Improvements

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

Motion Adopted.

- g. **Resolution No. 24-95:** A Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Louisiana Office of Tourism 2024/2025 Competitive Grant (CGP) in reference to the Teche Plein Air, City of New Iberia

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- h. **Resolution No. 24-96:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute Cooperative Endeavor Agreements by and between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the City of New Iberia related to Act 776 of 2024

A motion was made by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that Resolution No. 24-96 be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dan Doerle, that Resolution No. 24-96 be amended to reflect that \$250,000 is to be used for crime camera infrastructure and \$75,000 is to be used for teen courts, youth services, and youth engagement initiatives.

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

Motion Adopted.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Resolution No. 24-96 be adopted as amended.

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

Motion Adopted.

- i. **Resolution No. 24-97:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation and the City of New Iberia related to Act 776 of 2024

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter, that Resolution No. 24-97 be amended to reflect that \$75,000 is to be appropriated for teen courts, youth services, and youth engagement initiatives.

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

Motion Adopted.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Resolution No. 24-97 be adopted, as amended.

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

Motion Adopted.

- j. **Resolution No. 24--98:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between YABTBAB (You Are Blessed to Be a Blessing) Outreach Ministries, Inc. and the City of New Iberia related to Act 776 of 2024

A motion was made by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Resolution No. 24-98 be amended to reflect that \$75,000 is to be appropriated for teen courts, youth services, and youth engagement initiatives.

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

Motion Adopted.

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Resolution No. 24-98 be adopted, as amended.

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

Motion Adopted.

- k. **Resolution No. 24-99:** A Resolution amending the administrative process for the Business Development Grant American Rescue Plan Act Project

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- l. **Resolution No. 24-100:** A Resolution amending the administrative process for the One Block at a Time 1 – Home Repairs for Seniors, Low-Income, and Disabled Communities American Rescue Plan Act Project

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- m. **Resolution No. 24-101:** A Resolution creating the administrative process for the Litter Education American Rescue Plan Act Project

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- n. **Resolution No. 24-102:** A Resolution amending the administrative process for the Anti-Violence American Rescue Plan Act Project

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

Motion Adopted.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-32:** An Ordinance amending the budget for the HUD Section 8 Voucher Program and setting for public hearing on August 20, 2024

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The New Iberia City Council discussed the salary of New Iberia City Council members. (Deedy Johnson-Reid)
- b. The New Iberia City Council discussed the process to submit properties for tall grass nuisances. (Marlon Lewis)

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on August 20, 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.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:51 PM

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