

**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 20, 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, August 20, 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, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council members Ricky Gonsoulin and Deidre Ledbetter were 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. David Broussard 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 6, 2024, which were published on August 14, 2024.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Krystal Boyance announced her candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, representing District 5.

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

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-32:** An Ordinance amending the budget for the HUD Section 8 Voucher Program

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

Public comment: NONE.

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

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-103:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 3 for Phase 3 of the Bayou Teche Museum Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-17-02) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 24-104:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officers by and between the City of New Iberia, Iberia Parish School Board, and New Iberia Police Department

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-105:** A Resolution declaring certain equipment as surplus property and further authorizing the disposal of same in accordance with city policy and state law

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

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

- 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 and setting for public hearing on September 3, 2024.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Dan Doerle**

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

**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 and setting for public hearing on September 3, 2024.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**7. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-22:** An Ordinance denying the request the rezone property located at 205 Duperier Avenue belonging to Lyn Coco (Weeks Island Rentals, LLC) from R-3 to C-1, all as recommended by the New Iberia Zoning Commission

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**8. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 24-106):** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 704 Ann Street is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing the emergency demolition of the building(s) or structure(s) located at this address and the City of New Iberia shall file a lien and privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the building or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761-4766

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

Public comment: NONE.

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

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

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle**

**NAYS: NONE.**

**ABSTAIN: NONE.**

**ABSENT: Ricky Gonsoulin and Deidre Ledbetter**

**Motion Adopted.**

**9. FINANCE REPORTS:**

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

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. A discussion related to political signs in the City of New Iberia. (Ricky Gonsoulin)  
Note: Postponed to the September 3, 2024 New Iberia City Council Meeting.

**11. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on September 3, 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.

**13. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:16 p.m.

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