

**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, JANUARY 16, 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, January 16, 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. 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 January 3, 2024, which will be published on January 18, 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. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Brad Giacone, Director of Business Development with Active Solutions, LLC provided a presentation on security system equipment offered by his company.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-36:** An Ordinance amending section 86-102 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia related to civil penalties for violations of the ASE and/or AST Systems

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

Motion to close Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

A motion was made by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that Ordinance No. 2023-06 be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard, that the New Iberia City Council does hereby Call for the Question.

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

Motion FAILED.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard, that Ordinance No. 2023-36 be amended to authorize the Chief of Police to adopt standard operating procedures to facilitate the implementation of this Ordinance.

Upon further discussion, a motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that Ordinance No. 2023-06 be amended to include mandatory enforcement of fines beginning at violations of 6 mph over the posted speed limit.

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

Motion FAILED.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard, that the New Iberia City Council does hereby Call for the Question on the amendment to authorize the Chief of Police to adopt standard operating procedures to facilitate the implementation of this Ordinance.

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

Motion adopted.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard, that Ordinance No. 2023-36 be amended to authorize the Chief of Police to adopt standard operating procedures to facilitate the implementation of this Ordinance.

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

Motion adopted.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard, that Ordinance No. 2023-36 be adopted at this time, as amended.

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

Motion adopted.

At this time, a motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that the New Iberia City Council does hereby recess Regular Session at 7:46 p.m.

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

Motion adopted.

At 7:56 p.m., motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that the New Iberia City Council does hereby return to Regular Session.

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-01:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Sales Agreement and Master Service Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Active Solutions, LLC for the purchase and maintenance of security equipment

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

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

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.

5. RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-06:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Sucrose Drive Backflow Preventor Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

A motion was made by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Resolution No. 24-06 be postponed to the February 6, 2024 New Iberia City 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.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-07:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 7 Administrative for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation 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.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-08:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 8 Administrative for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay 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.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-09:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the West End Park Air Conditioning Upgrades Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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. 24-10:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the State of Louisiana and the City of New Iberia for the Monterey Street Detention Pond Project and further authorizing signers of documents 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.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-11:** A Resolution accepting the invitation from the Iberia Spanish Festival Association for Council member Deedy Johnson-Reid to attend the twinning ceremony in Alhaurín de la Torre, Spain and approving airfare costs in connection therewith

A motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Brooke Marcotte, that Resolution No. 24-11 be adopted at this time.

A substitute motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Resolution No. 24-11 be amended to authorize the City of New Iberia to pay lodging expenses up to \$1400.

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

Motion adopted.

A motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Resolution No. 24-11 be adopted, as amended.

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

Motion adopted.

- g. **Resolution No. 24-12:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with April Defelice in connection with her appointment as the Hearing Officer for Electronic Traffic Enforcement Violations

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.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-13:** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over unused American Rescue Plan Act engineering funds and setting for public hearing on February 6, 2024.

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.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-14:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carry forward the remaining budget for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay and Concrete Repair Projects and setting for public hearing on February 6, 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.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-15:** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over unused ACT 170 funds and setting for public hearing on February 6, 2024.

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.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-16:** An Ordinance amending the budget for funds related to Change Order No. 2 for the West End Park Air Conditioning Upgrades Project and setting for public hearing on February 6, 2024.

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.

7. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-02:** An Ordinance approving a Special Use/Conditional Use permit to install a Changeable Electronic Variable Message Sign (CEVMS) at 301 East Saint Peter Street all as reviewed and recommended by the New Iberia Zoning Commission.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion adopted.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The New Iberia City Council held a discussion relating to correspondence received from LA. Department of Transportation and Development regarding Caroline Street railroad crossing closure. No action was taken.

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on February 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. **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.

11. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:58 PM

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