

**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 5, 2023 AT 5:32PM**

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 5, 2023, at Five Thirty-Two (5:32) 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 Dustin Suire. 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. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of August 15, 2023, which were published on August 24, 2023.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion carried.**

**3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Thomas Falgout to give an update on the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-138:** Appointing Warren White to the Housing Authority of New Iberia

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

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

**Motion carried.**

- b. **Resolution No. 23-139:** Accepting Change Order Nos. 2 through 7 for the City Park & West End Park Community Center Improvements Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-20-02) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith, all contingent upon approval for the Office of Facility Planning & Control

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion carried.**

- c. **Resolution No. 23-140:** Approving Amendment No. 1 of the contract between the City of New Iberia and architect Paul Allain for the City Park & West End Park Community Center Improvements Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-20-02), 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 Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion carried.**

- d. **Resolution No. 23-141:** Approving Change Order No. 1 for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “West End Park Improvements” and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion carried.**

- e. **Resolution No. 23-142:** Approving the 2024-2025 Capital Outlay project priority list

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire, that Resolution No. 23-142 be adopted.**

**A motion was made by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that Resolution No. 23-142 be amended to include a rail grade separation project at \$3,000,000.**

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte, that Resolution No. 23-142 be adopted, as amended.**

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

**Motion carried.**

- f. **Resolution No. 23-143:** Approving project list for Act 397 and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

**Motion carried.**

## **5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-30 (Amendment No. 29):** An Ordinance amending the budget for land purchase & road at Pepperplex and setting for Public Hearing on September 19, 2023.

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

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

**Motion carried.**

- b. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-20:** An Ordinance ratifying the mayor's signature on a Purchase Agreement for a parcel of property located adjacent to the New Iberia Pepperplex and further authorizing the mayor to continue with the purchase said property and execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and setting for Public Hearing on September 19, 2023.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion carried.**

- c. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-21:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Sewer Services by and between the City of New Iberia and Sewerage District No. 1 of Iberia Parish and setting for Public Hearing on September 19, 2023.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion carried.**

- d. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-22:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an Act of Donation by and between the City of New Iberia and 5K Property Management, LLC for the donation of a parcel of property to the city in the Lil Brooklyn Neighborhood and setting for Public Hearing on September 19, 2023.

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

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

**Motion carried.**

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a.** A discussion was held regarding the attendance of potential appointees to city Boards and Commissions attendance at New Iberia City Council meetings.

**7. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a.** The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on September 19, 2023.
- 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. **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.

9. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

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