

**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, DECEMBER 20, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

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 December 20, 2022, 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 Dustin Suire. Also present was 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. Council member David Broussard led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the corrected minutes of November 1, 2022, which will publish on December 28, 2022

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
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

- b. Acceptance of the minutes of December 6, 2022, which will publish on December 30, 2022

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-05 (Amendment #4):** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over prior year unused appropriated funds for City Hall air handler and chiller

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

Public comment: NONE

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-06 (Amendment #5):** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds collected and reclass City funds appropriated for James Lee Burke statue

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dustin Suire; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Dustin Suire

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-05 (Amendment #4):** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over prior year unused appropriated funds for City Hall air handler and chiller

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
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-06 (Amendment #5)**: An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds collected and reclass City funds appropriated for James Lee Burke statue

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

5. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-33**: An Emergency Ordinance allowing temporary placement of mobile homes, recreational vehicles or other temporary housing located directly adjacent to or near an applicant's damaged dwelling in areas affected by the tornado of December 14, 2022

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte that Ordinance No. 2022-33 be introduced at this time.

A motion was made by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid that Ordinance No. 2022-33 be adopted.

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

6. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 22-244**: Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation related to the Teen Court Program

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

- b. **Resolution No. 22-245**: Authorizing City Officials/Employees to sign the request for payment forms in connection with the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program for a sewer system improvements project

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
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

- c. **Resolution No. 22-246**: Accepting the proposal from Louisiana Testing and Inspection Inc. for geotechnical testing and construction support services related to the City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-26:** An Ordinance to amend and extend, for a period of twenty-five (25) years, until December 6, 2050, Ordinance No. 2000-580 (adopted November 8, 2000), which ordinance granted a franchise to Cleco Power LLC (formerly Cleco Utility Group, Inc.), its successors and assigns, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of electric utilities, electric generating facilities and/or transmission and distribution systems in, through, and across the City of New Iberia, Louisiana ("Municipality"), and for the use of the streets, alleys, and public places of said Municipality, in connection therewith, for the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric current, energy, and/or power, and to modify the terms of said franchise granted in Ordinance No. 2000-580 as hereinafter set forth and setting for Public Hearing on January 3, 2023

A motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid that the Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-26 be postponed to the January 17, 2023 New Iberia City Council meeting.

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

- b. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-27:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Blue Line Solutions, LLC for the installation of automated speed enforcement systems within school zones in the city limits of New Iberia and setting for Public Hearing on January 3, 2023

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-28:** Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana related to the expansion of the Boys & Girls Club at the West End Park Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and setting for Public Hearing on January 3, 2023

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
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

- d. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-29:** Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Fremin's Food and Furniture, Inc. related to the sale of concessions at the LA Pepperplex and setting for Public Hearing on January 3, 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

ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

8. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-30:** Amending General Ordinance No. 304 of the City of New Iberia relative to rezoning property owned by Stacey Jolet, located at 1319 Hopkins Street, from R-2 to C-4

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
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-31:** Amending General Ordinance No. 304 of the City of New Iberia relative to rezoning property owned by Stephen C. Funderburk (S&K Service Station), located at 1323 Hopkins Street, from R-2 to C-4

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard

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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2022-32:** An Ordinance revising the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinance Appendix A – Zoning, Article I. Statement of Purposes, Sec. 1.4 – Application of district regulations in unison with Ordinance No. 2022-23 adopted by the New Iberia City Council on November 1, 2022

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The New Iberia City Council discussed the correspondence received from Parish President M. Larry Richard regarding the termination of the Rabies Control contract between the City of New Iberia and Iberia Parish Government. (Freddie)

10. COUNCIL REMARKS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.
- b. A Public Hearing regarding the proposed closure of the Deare Street Railroad Crossing will be held on January 3, 2023.
- c. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.
- d. **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.

12. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

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