

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE NEW IBERIA CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 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 Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at Five-Thirty (5:30) p.m., (Central Standard Time). Present was 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 the City Attorney, Jeff Simon, and City Clerk, Erin Romero. Erin Romero advised the Mayor the Council had a quorum.

The City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of 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 COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of November 2, 2021 as published on November 17, 2021

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-20:** Authorizing the City of New Iberia, Louisiana to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with respect to economic development projects with the City of New Iberia Economic Development District No. 3 and taking other matters in connection therewith.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

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

4. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisited the state of buildings located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2):

Resolution 21-149: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) must be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia, that the property shall be immediately made safe by boarding the windows and doors, that the property owner shall complete a scope of work and shall obtain a permit for said work, and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on January 18, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- b. Revisited the state of buildings located at 103 Doris Street (District 3).

Resolution 21-150: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) must be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia, that the property shall be immediately made safe by boarding the windows and doors, that the property owner shall complete a scope of work and shall obtain a permit for said work, and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on January 18, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

- c. Revisited the state of buildings located at 809 Edna Street (District 5):

Resolution 21-151: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s), and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings 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 by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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

- d. Revisited the state of buildings located at 811 Edna Street (District 5):

Resolution 21-152: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) must be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia, that the property shall be immediately made safe by boarding the windows and doors, that the property owner shall complete a scope of work and shall obtain a permit for said work, and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on January 18, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

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

- e. Revisited the state of buildings located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5):

Resolution 21-153: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) must be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia, that the property shall be

immediately made safe by boarding the windows and doors, that the property owner shall complete a scope of work and shall obtain a permit for said work, and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on January 18, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No 2021-21:** An ordinance amending Sections 58-66 and 58-69 of Division 2 of Article III of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia Relative to Unnecessary Noise and to set for public hearing on December 21, 2021.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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

- b. **Introduction of Ordinance No 2021-22:** An ordinance confirming the abandonment and revocation of the dedication of second street between Malain Street and Pershing Street and to set for public hearing on December 21, 2021.

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

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance No 2021-23:** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding between the City of New Iberia and Department of Public Safety and Corrections for police radio interoperability and to set for public hearing on December 21, 2021.

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

- d. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-24:** An ordinance approving budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia and to set for public hearing on December 21, 2021.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

- e. **Introduction of Ordinance No 2021-25:** An ordinance authorizing purchase of immovable properties fronting Twenty Arpent Road at Ann Streets for the purpose of creating Ann Street Park and to set for public hearing on December 21, 2021.

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

6. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2021-20:** Authorizing the City of New Iberia, Louisiana to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with respect to economic development projects with the City of New Iberia Economic Development District No. 3 and taking other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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

7. COUNCIL REMARKS:

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.
- 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.

9. ADJOURNED AT 7:56 P.M.

/s/ Erin Romero
Erin Romero, City Clerk
City of New Iberia, Louisiana