

**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, MAY 3, 2022 @ 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 May 3, 2022, 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, and Dustin Suire. Deedy Johnson Reid was absent. Also present was Jeff Simon, City Attorney, and Jane Braud, sitting in for City Clerk, Erin Romero who was absent. Ms. Braud 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. Dustin Suire led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of April 19, 2022, as published on April 29, 2022.

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

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

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

- a. Armond Schwing addressed the Council and gave brief presentation on Worker's Compensation dividends received by the City.
- b. Dean and Kathy Wattigny addressed the Council in recognition of the month of May being Mental Health Month and announced Bayou Side Run, which promotes good mental health, being held on May 7, 2022.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Special Ordinance 2021-2022-08:** Amending the budget to reflect the receipt and utilization of LGAP funds.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> David Broussard  
Public comment: None  
Motion to close Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Special Ordinance 2021-2022-08:** Amending the budget to reflect the receipt and utilization of LGAP funds.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire .**

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

**6. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution 22-87:** To consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

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

- b. **Resolution 22-88:** Awarding contract to Bulliard Construction Company for the City Park and West End Park Community Centers Re-Roofing Improvements Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

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

**7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-89)** on the state of buildings located at 295 Camelia Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-56, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** Property owner was not present. Her father, Adel Malahmeh was present at hearing and offered explanation for status of property conditions with no plan for clean up due to vagrant living on the property. The Mayor said he will consult with NIPD to remove vagrant. The permit process was explained by the City Attorney. The Mayor offered to do a scope of work for this property, however, the property owner will still have to follow all of the procedures set forth by the permitting department and they will monitor the progress made at this property.

**Resolution 22-89:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 295 Camelia Street (District 5) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner clear the trash and debris from the yard, obtain a permit prior to a return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

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

- b. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-90)** on the state of buildings located at 1524 Crestwell Street (District 3), per Resolution 22-57, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

**Resolution 22-90:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1524 Crestwell Street (District 3), 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 David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

- c. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-91)** on the state of buildings located at 321 E. Dale Street (District 3), per Resolution 22-58, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and Adel Malehmeh responded. The Mayor offered to do a scope of work for this property as well as the others, however, the property owner will still have to follow all of the procedures set forth by the permitting department, who will monitor the progress made at this property.

**Resolution 22-91:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 321 E. Dale Street (District 3) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner clear the trash and debris from the yard, obtain a permit prior to a return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

- d. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-92)** on the state of buildings located at 408 W. Dale Street (District 2), per Resolution 22-59, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and Adel Malehmeh responded. The property owner offered no plan for remediations.

**Resolution 22-92:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 408 W. Dale Street (District 2), 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 Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

- e. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-93)** on the state of buildings located at 906 Dautreuil Alley (District 5), per Resolution 22-60, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response. Jimmy Landry advised that a permit to demolish this home was obtained by the property owners who have been making progress on the home. Mr. Landry recommended allowing property owner to return on June 21, 2022 to revisit the state of demolitions.

**Resolution 22-93:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 906 Dautreuil Alley (District 5) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

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

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

- f. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-94)** on the state of buildings located at 809 Edna Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-61, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

**Resolution 22-94:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 809 Edna Street (District 5), 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 Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.**

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

- g. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-95)** on the state of buildings located at 416 Field Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-62, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and Van Viator was present. He hired a company to remove the downed trees and has plans to demolish the property. Mr. Viator was advised to obtain a permit for demolition from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in the Permit and Inspection Department.

**Resolution 22-95:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 416 Field Street be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

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

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

- h. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-96)** on the state of buildings located at 801 Francis Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-63, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

**Resolution 22-94:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 801 Francis Street (District 5), 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 Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

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

- i. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-97)** on the state of buildings located at 1355 Julia Street (District 3), per Resolution 22-64, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response. Jimmy Landry advised that since the property was advertised, it was sold to a new owner. Mr. Landry advised that he spoke with the new owner who has begun to make remediations to the property but could not be present due to his work schedule. Mr Landry recommended allowing the property to be revisited on June 21, 2022.

**Resolution 22-95:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1355 Julia Street (District 3)

be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.**

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

- j. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-98)** on the state of buildings located at 808 Lombard Street (District 2), per Resolution 22-65, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

**Resolution 22-98:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 808 Lombard Street (District 2), 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 Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

- k. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-99)** on the state of buildings located at 630 Mississippi Street (District 2), per Resolution 22-66, as noticed and advertised on April 20, 2022.

**Public Hearing:** The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

**Resolution 22-98:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 630 Mississippi Street (District 2), 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 Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire.**

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

8. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.
- 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.

10. **ADJOURN:**

11. **UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:47 P.M.**

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