

**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 WEDNESDAY, JULY 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 Wednesday, July 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: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council members Brooke Marcotte and Dustin Suire were absent.

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. Deedy Johnson-Reid led the prayer and pledge.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

a. Acceptance of the minutes of June 20, 2023, which published on July 1, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-26 (Amendment #25):** An Ordinance amending the budget to recognize the awarded LGAP funds and appropriate the use of said funds

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

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis, 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

4. **ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-26 (Amendment #25):** An Ordinance amending the budget to recognize the awarded LGAP funds and appropriate the use of said funds

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-93:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Sliman Theater Interior Renovations Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-94:** Authorizing the City of New Iberia to retain attorney Robert C. Vines to represent the City in the Fire and Police Civil Service in an appeal filed by Orlando Matthews and further authorizing the Mayor to sign a retainer agreement with him, providing for billing at \$175.00 per hour plus out of pocket expenses

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter that Resolution No. 23-94 be postponed.

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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-95:** Reappointing Ebrar Reaux to the Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term commencing on July 27, 2023

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-17:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Iberia Parish Government and the City of New Iberia related to possession of the former Iberia Parish Tourist Commission Building on the New Iberia Pepperplex grounds and setting for public hearing on July 18, 2023.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid
NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: **Brooke Marcotte and Dustin Suire**

- b. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-27 (Amendment #26)**: An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds for Wastewater screen replacement and setting for public hearing on July 18, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

7. **PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-96**: Declaring that the building(s) at 620 East Saint Peter Street (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting for public hearing on August 15, 2023.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-97**: Declaring that the building(s) at 626 East Saint Peter Street (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting for public hearing on August 15, 2023.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-98**: A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 317 Daigre Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard

YEAS: **Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid**
NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: **Brooke Marcotte and Dustin Suire**

- d. **Resolution No. 23-99:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1004 Virginia Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-100:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 709 Breaux Alley are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

- f. **Resolution No. 23-101:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 327 and 327 ½ Weeks Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- g. **Resolution No. 23-102:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 809 West Main Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

- h. **Resolution No. 23-103:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 301 West Dale Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- i. **Resolution No. 23-104:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 514 Frenzel Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- j. **Resolution No. 23-105:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 708 Mixon Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- k. **Resolution No. 23-106:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 901 West Pershing Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- l. **Resolution No. 23-107:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 507 Emery Lewis are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

- m. **Resolution No. 23-108:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1608 Elm Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard

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

- n. **Resolution No. 23-109:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 635.5 Robertson Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid
NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: **Brooke Marcotte and Dustin Suire**

- o. Resolution No. 23-110:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) 747 West Field Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

- p. Resolution No. 23-111:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) 904 School Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by David Broussard

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

- q. Resolution No. 23-112:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) 1410 Fulton Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a.** The Council discussed the proper way to place bulky waste for collection. (Jimmy Landry)

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on July 18, 2023.
- 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.

11. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

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