

**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, MAY 6, 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

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, May 6, 2025, 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, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Councilman David Merrill was 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. Warren White led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON):

NONE.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of April 15, 2025, which were published on April 26, 2025.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

A motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ron Davis, to expand the agenda to allow Jake Benoit with U.S. Senator John Kennedy's office to address the council.

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

There were no public comments.

- a. Jake Benoit with U.S. John Kennedy's office addressed the council to introduce himself and provide an update on the office.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-09:** An Ordinance providing for the levy within the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, effective July 1, 2025, of a 0.25% sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, the storage for use or consumption, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital products within the City, and upon sales of services in the City, and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the City on March 29, 2025

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Troy Comeaux

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Warren White, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

- b. Ordinance No. 2025-10:** An Ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana and amending the Charter of the City of New Iberia

Motion to open Public Hearing: Troy Comeaux; 2nd Warren White
Public comment: NONE.
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Motion by Troy Comeaux, seconded by Warren White

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution No. 25-53:** A Resolution approving the updated Administrative Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program for the City of New Iberia

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

- b. Resolution No. 25-54:** A Resolution awarding contract to Burford Roofing & Construction, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act - One Block at a Time 1: Home Repairs for Seniors, Low Income, And Disabled Communities Project (Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacements) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dan Doerle

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

- c. Resolution No. 25-55:** A Resolution awarding contract to Burford Roofing & Construction, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act - One Block at a Time 1: Home Repairs for Seniors, Low Income, And Disabled Communities Project (Sheet Metal Roof Replacements) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 25-56:** A Resolution awarding contract to Alonso, LLC for the City of New Iberia Concrete Streets Repair Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 25-57:** A Resolution awarding contract to Staples Engineering and Consulting, LLC to determine solutions for new areas of flooding throughout the City of New Iberia and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 25-58:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 1 to an agreement with Third Coast Maintenance, LLC for commercial janitorial services at the Public Works Department

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-11:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 86-130 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances prohibiting operation of vehicles in standing water; establishing penalties; and providing for enforcement through electronic surveillance and setting for public hearing on May 20, 2025

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Warren White

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Project engineers Chandler Staples and Nick Castille discussed new and existing areas of flooding throughout the City of New Iberia

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on May 20, 2025.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn 7:00 p.m.

/s/Lanie Kerlegon

Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk
City of New Iberia