

**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 5, 2023 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, December 5, 2023, 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 (exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m.), Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire. Also in attendance, 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. David Broussard 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 November 21, 2023, which was published on November 28, 2023.

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
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-04:** An Ordinance amending the budget to actual appropriation remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds in the budget.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion adopted.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-05:** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for salary and benefits of Pepperplex Maintenance Foreman position

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

Public comment: None

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-06:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect cost of Crack Sealing Project and Pavement Marking Project

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

Public comment: None

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

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-07:** An Ordinance amending the budget to allocate funds for purchase of equipment for street repairs

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: None

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

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-08:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover 2023 remaining donated veterans funds

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

Public comment: None

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

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- f. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-09:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover 2023 funds for narcotic investigative tools

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-184:** A Resolution announcing the dates of the Regular Meetings of the New Iberia City Council to be held in 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 23-185:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute all Cooperative Endeavor Agreements by and between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the City of New Iberia related to Act 397 of 2023

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
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 23-186:** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Dustin Suire as New Iberia City Council Representative of District 6 and declaring the office of District 6 of the New Iberia City Council vacant, effective December 20, 2023.

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
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 23-187:** A Resolution ordering and calling a Special Election to fill the vacancy of Councilman, District 6, of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, and taking other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 23-188:** A Resolution accepting the resignation of James “Jimmy” Landry as City of New Iberia Building Official, effective December 29, 2023.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

Motion adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 23-189:** A Resolution appointing Matt Gulotta as City of New Iberia Building Official

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion adopted.

- g. **Resolution No. 23-190:** A Resolution authorizing the extension of the agreement between RCX Sports, LLC and the City of New Iberia related to the hosting of a 2024 Jr. NBA League Season

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion adopted.

- h. **Resolution No. 23-191:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “West End Park Expansion” and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion adopted.

- i. **Resolution No. 23-192:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Upgrades to Steamboat Pavilion” and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- j. **Resolution No. 23-193:** A Resolution approving a professional services contract with Architect Paul Allain for the Bank Street Aquatic Center Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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
ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-32:** An Ordinance amending Section 2-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia in order to amend the rules of procedure of the Board of Trustees related to the American with Disabilities Act and setting for public hearing on December 19, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- b. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-10:** An Ordinance amending the budget to recognize New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Grant and setting for public hearing on December 19, 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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- c. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-11:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect remaining budget on the City Park & West End Park Community Center Improvements Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-20-02) and setting for public hearing on December 19, 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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

- d. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-12:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Cleco franchise agreement and setting for public hearing on December 19, 2023.

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

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion adopted.

6. COUNCIL REMARKS:

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on December 19, 2023.

- 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.

8. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:13 PM

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