

**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, MARCH 5, 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 Wednesday, March 5, 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, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle. 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 Merrill led the prayer and pledge.

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of February 18, 2025, which will be published on March 8, 2025.

Motion by David Merrill, seconded by Ron Davis

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

Motion adopted.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Fire Chief Gordan Copell presented Brandon Spencer with the City of New Iberia Life Safety Award.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-04:** An Ordinance awarding contract to Turf Tank for the lease of an automated field marking machine and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion to open Public Hearing: Troy Comeaux; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by David Merrill, seconded by Troy Comeaux

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

Motion adopted.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-09:** An Ordinance amending the budget for donations to the Veterans' Memorial

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ron Davis; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Warren White

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Warren White

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

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-10:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover the remaining portion of the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Project (Phase II)

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ron Davis; 2nd David Merrill

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Warren White

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-11:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover funding for the Love's Travel Stop bore for sewer

Motion to open Public Hearing: Warren White; 2nd Ron Davis

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Troy Comeaux

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: Ricky Gonsoulin

ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 25-19:** A Resolution appointing Karen Bashay to the Municipal Civil Service Board for a five-year term to fill a vacancy created by the expiration of term of Karen Bashay, whose term expires March 31, 2025

Motion by Troy Comeaux, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 25-20:** A Resolution awarding contract to Gaspard Heating and Cooling, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act Neighborhood Investments Project (Downtown Neighborhood Association) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Warren White

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: Ron Davis

ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 25-21:** A Resolution awarding contract to Clean-Aire Services, Inc. for the American Rescue Plan Act Neighborhood Investments Project (Downtown Neighborhood Association) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Merrill

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

Motion adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 25-22:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Plan Act Upgrades to Steamboat Pavilion Project 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, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 25-23:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Plan Act Drainage Cleanout Project (Area B) 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, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 25-24:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and McLain Homes, LLC related to Teche Haven Subdivision access

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ron Davis

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

Motion adopted.

- g. **Resolution No. 25-25:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Statewide Electrical Services, LLC related to supplemental operations in the Wastewater Department

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- h. Resolution No. 25-26:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Iberia Parish Sewerage District No. 1 and further authorizing an increase in required matching funds for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project

Motion by Troy Comeaux, seconded by Warren White

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

Motion adopted.

- i. Resolution No. 25-27:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Third Coast Maintenance, LLC for commercial janitorial services at certain City of New Iberia locations

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dan Doerle

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

Motion adopted.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. Ordinance No. 2025-05:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the City Hall HVAC system and setting for public hearing on March 18, 2025

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Troy Comeaux

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

Motion adopted.

- b. Ordinance No. 2025-06:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Controls Investment Service Agreement with Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the City Hall HVAC system and setting for public hearing on March 18, 2025

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Merrill

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

Motion adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-12:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funding related to additional Teche Haven Subdivision access and setting for public hearing on March 18, 2025

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Warren White

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

Motion adopted.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-13:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funding for the Lil' Brooklyn Park Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-22-04) and setting for public hearing on March 18, 2025

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion adopted.

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-14:** An Ordinance amending the budget for the Sucrose Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade and Rehabilitation Project and setting for public hearing on March 18, 2025

Motion by Troy Comeaux, second by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion adopted.

7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Hearing and Action on the state of buildings located at 1608 Elm Street (District 3), per Resolution No. 25-09. (**Resolution No. 25-28**)

A motion was made by Troy Comeaux, seconded by Brooke Marcotte declaring that the property owner shall have 30 days to obtain a demolition permit and proceed with said demolition and further declaring that the city shall proceed with demolition and removal of the buildings located at 1608 Elm Street (District 3) and the City of New Iberia shall file a lien and privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings against the lot and improvements upon which the building is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 – 4766, should the 30 day time fame not be met.

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

Motion adopted.

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on March 18, 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 at 6:48 p.m.

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