

**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 6, 2022 AT 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 December 6, 2022, 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. City Attorney, Jeff Simon, was in attendance as was Jane Braud, Director of Planning and Zoning.

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. Council member Marlon Lewis led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of November 15, 2022, which will publish on December 7, 2022.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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**

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

- a. Wille Bergeron addressed the Council to discuss the renewal of the Cleco Franchise Agreement with the City of New Iberia.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-03 (Amendment #2):** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for HVAC work for the Cliff Aucoin Building.

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

**Public comment: None.**

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-04 (Amendment #3):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect receipt of and utilization of LGAP funds for the purchase of a compact excavator.

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlon Lewis**

**Public comment: None.**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid**

- c. **Ordinance No. 2022-25:** An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a parcel of property located on Caudron Lane and authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any documentation in connection therewith,

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Deidre Ledbetter; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte**

**Public comment: None.**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Deidre Ledbetter; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte**

**5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-03 (Amendment #2):** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for HVAC work for the Cliff Aucoin Building.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-04 (Amendment #3):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect receipt of and utilization of LGAP funds for the purchase of a compact excavator

**Motion by Dustin Suire, 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.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2022-25:** An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a parcel of property located on Caudron Lane and authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, 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.

6. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 22-240:** Endorsing the application of Baits Motel, LLC for the Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

**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.

- b. **Resolution No. 22-241:** Providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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.

- c. **Resolution No. 22-242:** Awarding contract to Southern Constructors, LLC for the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Improvements Project (Phase II) and authorizing the mayor to execute and negotiate any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, 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.

- d. **Resolution No. 22-243:** Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Mutual Detention Agreement Contract by and between the City of New Iberia and the City of New Orleans

**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.**

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-05 (Amendment #4):** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over prior year unused appropriated funds for City Hall air handler and chiller and setting for Public Hearing on December 20, 2022.

**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.**

- b. Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-06 (Amendment #5):** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds collected and reclass City funds appropriated for James Lee Burke statue and setting for Public Hearing on December 20, 2022.

**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.**

**8. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a.** The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 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 to learn more.

**10. ADJOURN:**

**A motion was made by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid that the New Iberia City Council meeting adjourn. The mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.**

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