

**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, MARCH 5, 2024 AT 5:33 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, March 5, 2024, at Five Thirty-Three (5:33) 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, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council members David Broussard and Ricky Gonsoulin 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. Deidre Ledbetter 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 February 20, 2024, which was published on March 6, 2024.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-02:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Maintenance and Operation Services Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia, Sewerage District No. 1 of Iberia Parish and Statewide Electrical Services, LLC.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlon Lewis

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-03:** An Ordinance granting Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Louisiana Gas, the right to construct, install, operate and maintain facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas in the municipality and, for such purposes, to use and excavate in the public highways, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds, and other publicly owned areas and levying a franchise (privilege) tax for that purpose.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlon Lewis

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-26:** A Resolution awarding contract to Glen Lege Construction, LLC for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Sealing Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 24-27:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Contract for Services by and between the City of New Iberia and Planet Recess, Inc. for the District 1 – Santiago Park Playground Equipment Project

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-28:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Contract for Services by and between the City of New Iberia and Hahn Enterprises, Inc. for the District 2 – West End Park Fitness Equipment Project

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Resolution No. 24-29:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Contract for Services by and between the City of New Iberia and Hahn Enterprises, Inc. for the District 4 – Bank Avenue Park Fitness Equipment Project

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- e. **Resolution No. 24-30:** A Resolution for the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Demolition Program Management

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Ricky Gonsoulin

**Motion Adopted.**

**5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-05:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Fusus Unified Intelligence Platform for use and access to Fusus products and services and setting for public hearing on March 19, 2024.

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Ricky Gonsoulin

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-06:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Service Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and iWorQ Systems, Inc. for the use of iWorQ applications and services and setting for public hearing on March 19, 2024.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Ricky Gonsoulin

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Ordinance No. 2024-07:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to civilians and other law enforcement agencies, at a cost not less than \$12,000 and \$20,000, in accordance with state law and setting for public hearing on April 2, 2024.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Ricky Gonsoulin

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-17:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect collection and apportionment of registration and sponsorship for Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Conference and setting for public hearing on March 19, 2024.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**6. FINANCE REPORT:**

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actual report for November 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

NOTE: Postponed at February 20, 2024 meeting.

**7. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on March 19, 2024.
- 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. **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](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

**9. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM

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