

**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, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, AT 5:31 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 February 7, 2023, at Five-Thirty-One (5:31) 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. 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. Council member Deedy Johnson-Reid led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of January 17, 2023, which will publish on February 8, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis and 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

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Cedric Floyd, President, Data Center, LLC provided a redistricting update.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-26:** An ordinance to amend and extend, for a period of twenty-five (25) years, until December 6, 2050, Ordinance No. 2000-580 (adopted November 8, 2000), which ordinance granted a franchise to Cleco Power LLC (formerly Cleco Utility Group, Inc.), its successors and assigns, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of electric utilities, electric generating facilities and/or transmission and distribution systems in, through and across the city of New Iberia, Louisiana ("municipality"), and for the use of the streets, alleys, and public places of said municipality, in connection therewith, for the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric current, energy, and/or power, and to modify the terms of said franchise granted in Ordinance No. 2000-580 as hereinafter set forth

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

Public comment:

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2023-03:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to a local Police Department, at a cost not less than \$25,000, in accordance with state law

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE

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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-04:** An Ordinance amending Sections 2 and 8-01 of the City of New Iberia Charter relative to election districts

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Dustin Suire

Public comment: NONE

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

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-07 (Amendment #6):** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over prior year unused appropriated funds for district projects

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Dustin Suire

Public comment: NONE

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

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-08 (Amendment #7):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Change Order No. 3 on Civic Center Marina (Phase I) Project

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE

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

- f. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-09 (Amendment #8):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Keep LA Beautiful beautification grant

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

Public comment: NONE

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

5. **ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-26:** An ordinance to amend and extend, for a period of twenty-five (25) years, until December 6, 2050, Ordinance No. 2000-580 (adopted November 8, 2000), which ordinance granted a franchise to Cleco Power LLC (formerly Cleco Utility Group, Inc.), its successors and assigns, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of electric utilities, electric generating facilities and/or transmission and distribution systems in, through and across the city of New Iberia, Louisiana ("municipality"), and for the use of the streets, alleys, and public places of said municipality, in connection therewith, for the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric current, energy, and/or power, and to modify the terms of said franchise granted in Ordinance No. 2000-580 as hereinafter set forth

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid that Ordinance No. 2022-26 be postponed for at least two New Iberia City Council meetings.

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid

NAYS: Brooke Marcotte, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Dustin Suire

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the motion failed to be adopted at this time.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte and 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. **Ordinance No. 2023-03:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to a local Police Department, at a cost not less than \$25,000, in accordance with state law

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin and 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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-04:** An Ordinance amending Sections 2 and 8-01 of the City of New Iberia Charter relative to election districts

Motion by David Broussard and 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

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-07 (Amendment #6):** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over prior year unused appropriated funds for district projects

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and 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

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-08 (Amendment #7):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Change Order No. 3 on Civic Center Marina (Phase I) Project

Motion by Brooke Marcotte and 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

- f. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-09 (Amendment #8):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Keep LA Beautiful beautification grant

Motion by Brooke Marcotte and 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

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-07:** Authorizing and directing the mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of New Iberia, any and all contracts and documents related to “Felicite’s Landing Project No. 50-ML1-21-01”

Motion by Marlon Lewis and seconded by Deidre Ledbetter:

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. 23-08:** Awarding contract to Coastal Timbers, Inc. for the Felicite’s Landing Project No. 50-ML1-21-01 and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith, all contingent upon approval from the Office of Facility Planning and Control

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin and 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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-09:** Awarding contract to architect Paul J. Allain for the American Rescue Plan Project entitled “West End Park Expansion,” and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis and 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. 23-10:** Awarding contract to architect Paul J. Allain for the Sliman Theatre Interior Renovations Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis and 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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-11:** Accepting Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Updates Project, and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard and 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

- f. **Resolution No. 23-12:** Declaring the intention of the Mayor and City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana (the "City"), to issue Sewer Revenue Bonds (DEQ) in the name of the City, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000); and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte and 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

- g. **Resolution No. 23-13:** Accepting Change Order No. 1 for the ARPA Project entitled “Purchase & Installation of Oil/Water Separator” (Washrack Canopy) and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Brooke Marcotte and 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

- h. **Resolution No. 23-14:** Accepting Change Order No. 1 for the City Park & West End Community Centers Improvements (50-ML1-20-02) Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin and 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

- i. **Resolution No. 23-15:** Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a professional service contract with M&E Consulting, Inc for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project, as authorized by Supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Iberia Parish Sewerage District No. 1

Motion by David Broussard and 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. **Ordinance No. 2023-05:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to a local Police Department, at a cost not less than \$23,000, in accordance with state law, and setting for Public Hearing on March 7, 2023.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and 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. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-10 (Amendment #9):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect adjustment for Founder’s Park and setting for Public Hearing on February 22, 2023.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and 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

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-11 (Amendment #10):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect the sale of four police units and apportion applicable expenses and setting for Public Hearing on February 22, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin and 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

8. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue did not present budget to actual report for November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, and the item was postponed to the February 22, 2023 New Iberia City Council meeting.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. A discussion regarding illegal signs was held by Inspector Jimmy Landry.

10. COUNCIL REMARKS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on *February 22, 2023*.
- b. A Public Hearing regarding the proposed closure of the Deare Street railroad crossing will be held on March 7, 2023.
- c. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.
- d. **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.

12. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

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