

**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, MAY 16, 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 May 16, 2023, at Five-Thirty (5:31) pm, (Central Standard Time). Present were the Mayor, Freddie DeCourt, as well as the following members of the New Iberia City Council, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present, City Clerk, Lanie Kerlegon and City Attorney, Jeff Simon. Council member Brooke Marcotte was 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. Council member David Broussard led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of May 2, 2023, which will be published on May 13, 2023

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

- a. John Warner Smith, Executive Director, and Adam Forman, Senior Manager for Interpretation and Education of the Shadows on the Teche introduced themselves to the Council.
- b. Brad Kolder of Kolder, Slaven, & Company, LLC presented the financial report for fiscal year ending October 31, 2022.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-18 (Amendment #17):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect additional funding appropriated by the state for the City Park and West End Community Centers Improvements (Re-roofing) Projects

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

Public comment: NONE

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-19 (Amendment #18):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Change Order No. 4 for Civic Center Marina

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

Public comment: NONE

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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-14:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Civic Plus for software to be used by New Iberia Recreation Department and the Pepperplex

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard, 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis, 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

5. ORIDNANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-18 (Amendment #17):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect additional funding appropriated by the state for the City Park and West End Community Centers Improvements (Re-roofing) Projects

Item POSTPONED on a motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin:

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-19 (Amendment #18):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Change Order No. 4 for Civic Center Marina

Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire:

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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-14:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Civic Plus for software to be used by New Iberia Recreation Department and the Pepperplex

Motion by David Broussard, seconded seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid:

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

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-55:** Awarding contract to Minvielle Construction, LLC for Phase 1 (Pool House Demolition) of the American Rescue Plan Project entitled “City Park Improvements” and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid:

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-56:** Awarding contract to E & L Construction, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Renovations to Bank Avenue Park” and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis:

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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-57:** Awarding 6-month bids for supplies

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter:

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

- d. **Resolution No. 23-58:** Approving Change Order No. 4 for the Civic Center Marina (Phase 1) Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-59:** Approving Change Order No. 2 for the LA Pepperplex Artificial Field Turf Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard:

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

- f. **Resolution No. 23-60:** Approving Change Order No. 1 for City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin:

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

- g. **Resolution No. 23-61:** Approving Change Order No. 3 for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-20 (Amendment #19)** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect purchase of dump truck carried over from 2022 fiscal year and setting for public hearing on June 6, 2023

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid:

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

- b. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-21 (Amendment #20)** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect revenue for Bayou Teche Museum (Phase III) Project and setting for public hearing on June 6, 2023

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire:

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

8. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-15:** A recommendation to approve a zoning change as requested by Bobby J. Girouard of 919 Parkview Dr. for Lot 37, Bailey Subdivision from R-1 to C-3 as more fully appears from the plat of survey recorded at Misc. Book 8, folio 431, Entry No. 3037, records of Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid:

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

9. FINANCE

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actual report for November 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Discussed a potential Ordinance regarding adjudicated properties within the City of New Iberia.

11. COUNCIL REMARKS:

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **A public hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the Council Chambers located on the third floor of City Hall to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the city of New Iberia.**
- b. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on June 6, 2023.
- c. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.
- d. **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.

- 13. ADJOURN:** Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:43pm

/s/Freddie DeCourt

Freddie DeCourt, Mayor
City of New Iberia

/s/Lanie Kerlegon

Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk
City of New Iberia