

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE NEW IBERIA CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 at 5:36 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 Tuesday, March 2, 2022, at Five Thirty-Six (5:36) p.m., (Central Standard Time). Present was 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 present was the City Clerk, Erin Romero and City Attorney, Jeff Simon. Erin Romero advised the Mayor the Council had a quorum.

The City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of 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. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and David Broussard led the pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of February 15, 2022, as published on March 2, 2022

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Paul and David Allain presented concept drawings for Pepperplex Renovations Project.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-05:** Amending the budget to reflect changes in grant funding and various projects for the City of New Iberia.

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

Public comment: NONE

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

5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-05:** Amending the budget to reflect changes in grant funding and various projects for the City of New Iberia.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 22-29:** Appointing Anthony Antoine to serve on the New Iberia Housing Authority.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- b. **Resolution 22-30:** Re-appointing Craig Colwart to serve on the Municipal Civil Service Board.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- c. **Resolution 22-31:** Accepting a certificate of substantial completion for the Visitor’s Pavilion Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- d. **Resolution 22-32:** Awarding contract to Bulliard Construction Company for the Historic District Trails Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Special Ordinance 2021-2022-06:** Amending the budget to reflect debt service on 2020 Refunding Bond & to reflect cost of contract for lighting on City Slips and to set for public hearing on March 15, 2022.

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

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-03:** Adding Article VI of Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of New Iberia, consisting of Sections 38-90 through 38-95, prohibiting smoking in specified areas and to set for public hearing on March 15, 2022.

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

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

8. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisited the state of buildings located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2): Neither the property owner, nor a representative of the property owner were present at the meeting. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, presented pictures of work completed at the property since the last time the property was revisited, and the Council was satisfied with the amount of work performed on the property. Councilman Lewis made a motion to revisit the status of remediations on June 7, 2022.

Resolution 22-33: Declaring that the buildings or structures located at 515 Daigle Street (District 2) must be repaired to conform to the building code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on June 7, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- b. Revisited the state of buildings located at 103 Doris Street (District 3): Neither the property owner, nor a representative of the property owner were present at the meeting. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, stated that proper notice of the revisit had been given to the property owners and he presented pictures of the property dated February 23, 2022. The photographs showed no remediations made to this property. The Council was not satisfied with the progress of remediations on the property and Councilman Broussard made a motion to demolish buildings and structures on the property as soon as the appeal delays run out.

Resolution 22-34: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 103 Doris Street (District 3), and the City of New Iberia shall file a lien and privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 - 4766.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- c. Revisited the state of buildings located at 811 Edna Street (District 5): Neither the property owner, nor a representative of the property owner were present at the meeting. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, stated that proper notice of the revisit had been given to the property owners and he presented pictures of the property dated February 23, 2022. The photographs showed very few remediations made to this property. The Council was not satisfied with the progress of remediations on the property and Councilman Reid made a motion to demolish buildings and structures on the property as soon as the appeal delays run out.

Resolution No. 22-35: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 811 Edna Street (District 5), and the City of New Iberia shall file a lien and privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 - 4766.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- d. Revisited the state of buildings located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5): The property owner, Asma Aldaoud was present at the meeting. She has made some progress with the repairs of the buildings; however, she reports that due to problems with contractors, she is not as far along as she would like to be. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, presented pictures of the property dated February 23, 2022. Councilman Reid advised Ms. Aldaoud that she would motion to give her until June 7, 2022, but she will need to see substantial progress at the next revisit of the property otherwise the property will be demolished.

Resolution 22-36: Declaring that the buildings or structures located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5) must be repaired to conform to the building code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on June 7, 2022, to give an update on the status of this property.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.
- b) A special meeting for Redistricting and/or Reapportionment will be held on Tuesday March 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3rd Floor, 457 E. Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560.
- 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.

9. UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:33 P.M.

/s/ Erin Romero
Erin Romero, City Clerk
City of New Iberia, Louisiana