

**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, DECEMBER 21, 2021 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 Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at Five-Thirty (5:30) 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, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present was the City Attorney, Jeff Simon, and City Clerk, Erin Romero. Erin Romero advised the Mayor the Council had a quorum. (David Broussard arrived late).

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 pledge.

Mayor DeCourt congratulated Westgate High School on winning the LHSAA 4A State Football Championship and presented Principal Moore, Coach Antoine, and Dedrick Latulas with Keys to the City.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of December 7, 2021, as published on December 22, 2021.

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

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Michael Bell, Eula Williams, and Deborah Mitchell addressed the Council and present Coach Robert Paul with the Felicite Humanitarian Historical Society Award.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Public Hearing for Ordinance No 2021-21:** An ordinance amending Sections 58-66 and 58-69 of Division 2 of Article III of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia Relative to Unnecessary Noise.

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

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Dustin Suire; 2nd Deidre Ledbetter

- b. **Public Hearing for Ordinance No 2021-22:** An ordinance confirming the abandonment and revocation of the dedication of second street between Malain Street and Pershing Street.

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

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Deidre Ledbetter

- c. **Public Hearing for Ordinance No 2021-23:** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding between the City of New Iberia and Department of Public Safety and Corrections for police radio interoperability.

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

Public comment:

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

- d. **Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2021-24:** An ordinance approving budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia.

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

Public comment:

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

- e. **Public Hearing for Ordinance No 2021-25:** An ordinance authorizing purchase of immovable properties fronting Twenty Arpent Road at Ann Streets for the purpose of creating Ann Street Park.

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

Public comment:

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

5. **ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No 2021-21:** An ordinance amending Sections 58-66 and 58-69 of Division 2 of Article III of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia Relative to Unnecessary Noise.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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 2021-22:** An ordinance confirming the abandonment and revocation of the dedication of second street between Malain Street and Pershing Street.

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

- c. **Ordinance No 2021-23:** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding between the City of New Iberia and Department of Public Safety and Corrections for police radio interoperability.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- d. **Ordinance No. 2021-24:** An ordinance approving budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- e. **Ordinance No 2021-25:** An ordinance authorizing purchase of immovable properties fronting Twenty Arpent Road at Ann Streets for the purpose of creating Ann Street Park.

Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, 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

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 21-154:** Accepting Change Order No 1 for the installation and integration of emergency standby generator project at Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by David Broussard.

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 21-155:** Authorizing and directing the Mayor and/or his staff to complete and execute the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for and on behalf of the City of New Iberia.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance 2021-26:** An ordinance amending section 14-5, 14-6 and 14-7 of Article I of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of New Iberia, relative to Dangerous Animals and to set for public hearing on January 4, 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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Introduction of Ordinance 2021-27:** An ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia, to sections 86-261 and 86-262, prohibiting certain activities in travel lanes and to set for public hearing on January 4, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance 2021-28:** An ordinance amending Sections 58-66 and 58-69 of Division 2 of Article III of Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia Relative to Unnecessary Noise and to set for public hearing on January 4, 2022.

***** No motion was made to introduce this ordinance as original version of ordinance was adopted earlier in the meeting*****

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Future Ordinance Committee issues to address:
 - i. Prohibition of smoking indoors (Deidre Ledbetter): the majority of council members wish to see some form of this ordinance addressed and brought back to the council by the ordinance committee.

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.
- b) Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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.

11. ADJOURNED AT 8:06 P.M.

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