

**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 20, 2024 AT 5:30 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, February 20, 2024, at Five Thirty (5:30) 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, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member Deedy Johnson-Reid 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. Marlon Lewis 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 6, 2024, which will be published on February 21, 2024.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Liz Todd and Malani Gilmore with the South Central Planning & Development Commission discussed the Louisiana Small Business Loan Program.
- b. Keary Mouton with the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation discussed the GPAL street community service.

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-21:** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Rosalind Garrett as a member of the New Iberia Planning & Zoning and New Iberia Historic District Commissions

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 24-22:** A Resolution approving the proposal and Change Order No. 1 from Preferred Electric, Inc. for the Civic Center Marina Electrical Upgrades Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-23:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 4 (Administrative) for the City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dan Doerle**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Resolution No. 24-24:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate a contract by and between the City of New Iberia and Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors, Inc for the City Hall A/C Controllers Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dan Doerle**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**Motion Adopted.**

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

- 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, and setting for public hearing on March 5, 2024.

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dan Doerle**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**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, and setting for public hearing on March 5, 2024.

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis that Ordinance No. 2024-03 be introduced for publication at this time.**

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte, that Ordinance No. 2024-03 be amended to reduce the franchise fee from 4.5% to 4%.**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dan Doerle**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**Motion Adopted.**

A motion was made by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Ordinance No. 2024-03 be introduced for publication, as amended.

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**6. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-25:** A Resolution granting preliminary subdivision approval to Edmund Construction to subdivide property containing 2.599 acres into twenty (20) lots located at W. Washington St., W. Pershing, Emery Lewis Ave., and S. Lasalle, with contingencies.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-04:** An Ordinance amending General Ordinance No. 304 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances to authorize the rezoning of several parcels of property located at Hopkins St., W. Pershing St., W. Washington St., and S. Corinne St., all as reviewed and recommended by the New Iberia Zoning Commission.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. The New Iberia City Council discussed the City of New Iberia Anti-Violence/Summer Camp Program. (Deidre Ledbetter)

**8. FINANCE REPORT:**

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

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte, that the budget to actual report presented by Kevin Zerangue be postponed to the March 5, 2024 New Iberia City Council meeting.**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

9. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on March 5, 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.

11. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM

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