

**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, OCTOBER 17, 2023 AT 5:32 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, October 17, 2023, at Five Thirty-Two (5:32) 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. Dustin Suire led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of October 3, 2023, which will be published on October 19, 2023.

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-31:** An Ordinance amending the budget to adjust the budget within 5% for FY 2022-2023

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

Public comment: None.

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

4. ORINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-31:** An Ordinance amending the budget to adjust the budget within 5% for FY 2022-2023

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-160:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the city of New Iberia and the Iberia Parish School Board relating to the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Partnership with IPSB for STEM Festival”

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

Motion adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 23-161:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 5 (Administrative) for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 23-162:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 6 (Administrative) for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 22-163:** Approving a two percent general increase for Municipal Classified Employees to become effective November 1, 2023.

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 22-164:** Amending the Municipal Classified Employees' salary structure to reflect an increase in the minimum rates.

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-27:** An Ordinance amending Section 74 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia related to urban camping in the City of New Iberia and setting for Public Hearing on November 7, 2023.

Motion by David Broussard, 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

Motion adopted.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The mayor and city council discussed the EPA's Solar for All grant.

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on November 7, 2023.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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 to learn more.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

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