

**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, NOVEMBER 15, 2022 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 November 15, 2022, 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, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present were 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. Council member Brooke Marcotte led the prayer and pledge.

At this time, Mayor Freddie Decourt advised that the representative from Cleco would not be present and that item 3a would be postponed until the December 6, 2022 New Iberia City Council Meeting.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of November 1, 2022, which will publish on November 16, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Wille Bergeron did not address the Council to discuss the renewal of the Cleco Franchise Agreement with the City of New Iberia as this item was postponed to the December 6, 2022 New Iberia City Council meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-21:** An Ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 68 of the Code of Ordinances of The City of New Iberia, to add division 6 consisting of sections 86-101 through 86-109 relating to electronic traffic enforcement

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

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-02 (Amendment #1):** An Ordinance amending the budget for receipt and utilization of funds related to Act 170.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Dustin Suire

Public comment: NONE

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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2022-24:** An Ordinance amending the Capital Asset Threshold on Fixed Assets for the City of New Iberia to \$5,000, retroactive to November 1, 2022.

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment: NONE

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

5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-21:** An Ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 68 of the Code of Ordinances of The City of New Iberia, to add division 6 consisting of sections 86-101 through 86-109 relating to electronic traffic enforcement

A motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by David Broussard that the New Iberia City Council Call for the Question.

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

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-02 (Amendment #1):** An Ordinance amending the budget for receipt and utilization of funds related to Act 170.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2022-24:** An Ordinance amending the Capital Asset Threshold on Fixed Assets for the City of New Iberia to \$5,000, retroactive to November 1, 2022.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 22-233:** Awarding contract to Southern Force Heating & Cooling, LLC for the purchase and installation of an HVAC unit at the Cliff Aucoin Building and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith.

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. **Resolution No. 22-234:** Awarding contract to E&L Construction Group, LLC for a Washrack Canopy related to American Rescue Plan Project entitled "Purchase and Installation of Oil/water Separator" and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: **Dustin Suire.**

- c. **Resolution No. 22-235:** Announcing the dates of regular meetings of the New Iberia City Council to be held in 2023.

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

- d. **Resolution No. 22-236:** Authorizing the mayor to execute documentation related to a delay of Notice to Proceed for the City of New Iberia Concrete Street Repair Project

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

- e. **Resolution No. 22-237:** Awarding contract to OGE' Machinery for the purchase of a Kubota compact excavator and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith.

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

- f. **Resolution No. 22-238:** Authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Iberia Parish Government and the City of New Iberia for demolition of dilapidated and dangerous structures

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

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-03 (Amendment #2):** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for HVAC work for the Cliff Aucoin Building and setting for Public Hearing on December 6, 2022.

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
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-04 (Amendment #3):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect receipt of and utilization of LGAP funds for the purchase of a compact excavator and setting for Public Hearing on December 6, 2022.

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

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-25:** An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a parcel of property located on Caudron Lane and authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any documentation in connection therewith, and further setting for Public Hearing on December 6, 2022.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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.

8. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisit the state of buildings located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5) and Action (**Resolution No. 22-239**).

Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures stating that the property owners have not made significant modifications to the property. Upon questioning, Mr. Landry advised that the structure was neither safe nor secure.

Resolution No. 22-239: A Resolution declaring that that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 318 Weeks 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 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

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The New Iberia City Council discussed the waiver of permit fees relative to mobile homes, recreational vehicles, or other temporary housing in the event of a declared major disaster or emergency. (Deedy Johnson-Reid)
- b. The New Iberia City Council discussed the enforcement of the City of New Iberia Junk Ordinance (Brooke Marcotte)

10. COUNCIL REMARKS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 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.

12. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

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