

**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, SEPTEMBER 7, 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, September 7, 2021, 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present was the City Attorney, Jeff Simon, and City Clerk, Erin Romero. Ms. 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. David Broussard led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of August 17, 2021, which will publish on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

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. Cynthia Elmer & Liz Broussard with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention addressed the council for Suicide Awareness Week and received a Proclamation by the Mayor.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-13:** An ordinance creating City of New Iberia Economic Development District No. 3 in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; defining the boundaries thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion to open public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin , seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

- b. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 2021-14:** An ordinance confirming the final form and execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion to open public hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard.

5. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Ordinance 2021-13:** An ordinance creating City of New Iberia Economic Development District No. 3 in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; defining the boundaries thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Dustin Suire, 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 2021-14:** An ordinance confirming the final form and execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 21-96:** Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of New Iberia and Kolder, Slaven, & Company for the professional services and authorizing the Mayor to execute all contracts in connection therewith

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. **Resolution 21-97:** Awarding contract to Minvielle Lumber Company, Inc. for the Visitor's Pavilion Conversion Project

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

- c. **Resolution 21-98:** Awarding contract to Bulliard Construction Company, Inc. for the Kayak Launch Park Project.

Motion by Dustin Suire, 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 21-99:** Endorsing the application of Cane River Pecan Company for the Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

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

- e. **Resolution 21-100:** Authorizing the City of New Iberia to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for assistance in the implementation of the construction of “Felicite’s Landing” through the Sport Fish Restoration Program, providing for necessary documentation or the need for the construction and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

- f. **Resolution 21-101:** A resolution in support of a grant application to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries through the Sport Fish Restoration Program for assistance in implementation of the construction of Boat Slips for Transient Motorboats:” A Boating Access Project” for Civic Center Circle (West).

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

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented monthly budget reports for November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and November 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.
- 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.

10. ADJOURN:

11. UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:20

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