

**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 15, 2024, 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 15, 2024, 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 Dan Doerle. 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. Brooke Marcotte 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 October 1, 2024, which will be published on October 16, 2024.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Ashlie Spiker announced her candidacy for Iberia Parish Assessor.
- b. Benjamin Meyers announced his candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, representing District 2.
- c. Phanat Xanamane announced his candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, representing District 3.
- d. Mayor Freddie DeCourt presented a city project update.

**4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-25:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Downtown Neighborhood Association related to the Neighborhood Investments American Rescue Plan Act Project

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-26:** An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the Sugarcane Festival Building and certain surrounding immovable property in the New Iberia City Park, and further authorizing the mayor to execute any agreements necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Ordinance, all contingent upon Iberia Parish Government action authorizing the transfer of said property

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Gonsoulin

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**NAYS: Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**Motion Adopted.**

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-126:** A Resolution awarding contract to Paul J. Allain for the American Rescue Plan Act One Block at a Time – 1 Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 24-127:** A Resolution awarding contract to Paul J. Allain for the Community Centers Restrooms Upgrades 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, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-128:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the Center Street Sidewalk Improvements Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Resolution No. 24-129:** A Resolution awarding contract to Domingues, Szabo, and Associates, Inc. for the Jean Street Pump Station Upgrade Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- e. **Resolution No. 24-130:** A Resolution awarding contract to Domingues, Szabo, and Associates, Inc. for the Pollard Street Sewer Replacement Project 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 Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion Adopted.**

- f. **Resolution No. 24-131:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to act on behalf of the City of New Iberia in all matters pertaining to Frontage Road, State Project No. G.009892, F.A.P. No. H.009892, US90 FR: Extension to LA329 (Iberia Parish) City of New Iberia) and authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all documents, contracts, and agreements in connection therewith

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- g. **Resolution No. 24-132:** A Resolution selecting American Rescue Plan Act Business Development Grant recipients and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- h. **Resolution No. 24-133:** A Resolution selecting American Rescue Plan Act Litter Abatement Program participants and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

**A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter, that Resolution No. 24-133 be adopted at this time, with the votes for each participant as follows:**

**Resolution No. 24-133A:** A Resolution selecting The Sugarland Optimist Club of New Iberia, Louisiana, Inc. as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133B:** A Resolution selecting Optimist Club of New Iberia as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133C:** A Resolution selecting The Rotary Club of New Iberia, Inc. as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133D:** A Resolution selecting West End Council of Neighborhood Association, Inc. as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133E:** A Resolution selecting Swamp Smokers Social Aid and Pleasure Club as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133F:** A Resolution selecting Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133G:** A Resolution selecting Downtown Neighborhood Association as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133H:** A Resolution selecting Kiwanis Club of New Iberia as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Resolution No. 24-133I:** A Resolution selecting Divine Touch Community Development Center as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**Resolution No. 24-133J:** A Resolution selecting Sons of Kings as a participant of the American Rescue Plan Litter Abatement Program and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute documentation in connection therewith

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

**Motion Adopted.**

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

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-28:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with the West End Council of Neighborhood Association related to the Neighborhood Investments American Rescue Plan Act Project

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**7. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-27:** An Ordinance amending General Ordinance No. 304 of the City of New Iberia relative to the rezoning of property owned by Catherine Huckabay including three (3) lots on W. St. Peter St./North St. identified as parcels 0501234000a, 0501234000b, and 0501234000d as found on the Iberia Parish Assessor's rolls.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**8. FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a. Babette Lastrapes presented the monthly budget-to-actual report for November 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. The New Iberia City Council discussed mobile home replacement time. (Marlon Lewis)

**10. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on November 6, 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 to learn more.

**12. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM

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