

**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 3, 2023 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, October 3, 2023, 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 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. Deedy Johnson-Reid led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Special Meeting of September 14, 2023, which will be published on October 5, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

- b. Regular Meeting of September 19, 2023, which will be published on October 5, 2023.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.

3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

- a. Dr. Timothy Viator announced his candidacy for Coroner of Iberia Parish.

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2024 LCDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Dustin Suire

Public comment: There were no public comments on the FY 2024 LCDBG Public Facilities Grant.

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

5. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

- a. Blake Miguez announced his candidacy for Louisiana State Senate District 22.

6. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-23:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 7)

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: None.

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2023-24:** An Ordinance amending Section 2-76 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia related to the filling of vacancies on city of New Iberia Boards, Commissions, and Authorities

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: None

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

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-01:** An Ordinance adopting the budget for the city of New Iberia for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

7. **ORINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-23:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 7)

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

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2023-24:** An Ordinance amending Section 2-76 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia related to the filling of vacancies on city of New Iberia Boards, Commissions, and Authorities

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-01:** An Ordinance adopting the budget for the city of New Iberia for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

8. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-158:** Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the FY 2024 LCDBG Public Facilities Grant

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Dustin Suire

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSENT AT VOTING: David Broussard

Motion adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 23-159:** Adopting a Procurement Policy for the FY 2024 LCDBG Public Facilities Grant

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion adopted.

9. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-31:** An Ordinance amending the budget to adjust the budget within 5% for FY 2022-2023 and setting for Public Hearing on October 17, 2023.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, 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.

10. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented budget-to-actual reports for November 1, 2022 through July 31, and August 31, 2023.

11. COUNCIL REMARKS:

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on October 17, 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.

13. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

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