

**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, MARCH 21, 2023, 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 March 21, 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. Council member David Broussard led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:            NONE**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of March 7, 2023, which will publish on March 25, 2023.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, and 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**

**3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:**

- a. City Judge Trey Haik discussed proposed legislation to create an Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District.
- b. Superintendent Heath Hulin discussed the upcoming bond proposition for the Iberia Parish School Board.
- c. Becky Collins discussed the 2023 Literary Festival.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-14 (Amendment #13):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect excess forfeiture receipt restricted to be used as narcotic

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; Second: Marlon Lewis**

**Public comment:        NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; Second: Brooke Marcotte**

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-15 (Amendment #14):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect security expenditures for acquired Park Elementary property

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; Second: Marlon Lewis**

**Public comment: NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; Second: Marlon Lewis**

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-09:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; Second: Ricky Gonsoulin**

**Public comment: NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; Second: Brooke Marcotte**

**5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-14 (Amendment #13):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect excess forfeiture receipt restricted to be used as narcotic

**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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-15 (Amendment #14):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect security expenditures for acquired Park Elementary property

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-09:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia

**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

**6. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-25:** A Resolution in support of legislation to create the Acadiana Regional Juvenile Justice District comprised of various parishes in or near the Acadiana region; providing for the effective date thereof; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, unanimously seconded by Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and 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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-26:** A resolution finding and determining that no petition has been filed objecting to the proposed issuance of Taxable Sewer Revenue Bonds (DEQ) of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000); and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-27:** Approving Certificate of Partial Substantial Completion for the LA Pepperplex Concessions and Restroom Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**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

- d. **Resolution No. 23-28:** Approving Certificate of Partial Substantial Completion for the LA Pepperplex Artificial Field Turf Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-29:** Approving Change Order No. 1 for the LA Pepperplex Artificial Field Turf Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**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

## **7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-10:** An ordinance authorizing the issuance by the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana of its Taxable Sewer Revenue Bond (DEQ), in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) and providing for other matters in connection therewith and setting for Public Hearing on April 4, 2023.

**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

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- b. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-11:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Conveyance by and between the City of New Iberia, Iberia Parish Government, Iberia Parish Recreation and Playground Commission, and Segura Properties, LLC for the purchase of a parcel of property, and setting for Public Hearing on April 4, 2023.

**Motion: by David Broussard, 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

- c. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-16 (Amendment #15)**: An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect purchase of property for Acadian Acres detention pond, and setting for Public Hearing on April 4, 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**  
**ABSTAIN: NONE**  
**ABSENT: NONE**

**8. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on April 4, 2023.
- 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. **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](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

- 10. ADJOURN:** Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:01pm.

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