

**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 20, 2022 @ 5:31 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 May 17, 2022, 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, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson Reid, and Dustin Suire. David Broussard was absent. Also present was Jeff Simon, City Attorney, and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk.

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. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of September 6, 2022, which will publish on September 21, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard.

ABSTAINED: None

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-19:** An ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 4).

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

Public comment: None.

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-20:** An ordinance accepting the proposal from Pelican Waste & Debris for Solid Waste Services in the City of New Iberia and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

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

Public comment: None.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Dustin Suire

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-11:** An Ordinance amending the budget to allocate funding for a National Association of Realtors grant.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: None.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-19:** An ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 4).

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
ABSENT: David Broussard.
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-20:** An ordinance accepting the proposal from Pelican Waste & Debris for Solid Waste Services in the City of New Iberia and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-11:** An Ordinance amending the budget to allocate funding for a National Association of Realtors grant.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 22-197:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Expedited Temporary Housing Assistance Waiver

A motion was made by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter that Resolution No. 22-197 be adopted.

Upon further discussion, Council member Deidre Ledbetter withdrew her second and the motion died for lack of a second.

- b. **Resolution No. 22-201:** Awarding contract to Southern Constructors, LLC for the City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- c. **Resolution No. 22-202:** Authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with the Realtors Association of Acadiana relating to the “Placemaking Grant Award” received by the Association.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard.

ABSTAINED: None

- d. **Resolution No. 22-203:** A resolution in support of a grant application to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries through the Sport Fish Restoration (Wallop-Breaux) Program for assistance in implementation of the construction of boat slips “A Boating Access Project” for Félicité’s Landing Phase II.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard.

ABSTAINED: None

- e. **Resolution No. 22-204:** Accepting Change Order No. 1 for the LA Pepperplex – Sports Field Lighting Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard.

ABSTAINED: None

- f. **Resolution No. 22-205:** Accepting Change Order No. 1 for the LA Pepperplex - Concessions and Restroom Building Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard.

ABSTAINED: None

- g. **Resolution No. 22-206:** Amending the fee schedule associated with the costs for production of copies in response to Public Records Requests.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard.

ABSTAINED: None

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-22:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to the City of St. Martinville Police Department, or any other police department, at a cost not less than

\$20,000 per vehicle, in accordance with state law, and setting for Public Hearing on October 18, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

- b. Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-01 (Budget Adoption Ordinance):**
An Ordinance adopting the budget for the City of New Iberia for the Fiscal Year ending October 31, 2023, which has been set for Public Hearing on October 4, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisit the state of buildings located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5) and Action. (Resolution No. 22-207)**

Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that the property owners have not begun to work on the property. The property owner, who was present at the meeting with her contractor, presented the City Council with updated cell phone photos that showed work had begun to repair the structure on the property. Upon further discussion, the City Council informed the property owner that the structure would need to be repaired to be safe and secure to avoid demolition.

Resolution No. 22-207: A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5) shall be repaired to conform to the building code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on November 15, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- b. Acknowledge that the buildings or structures located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2), have been demolished and the debris cleared from this property. (Resolution No. 22-208)**

Resolution No. 22-208: A Resolution acknowledging that the buildings or structures located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2), have been demolished and the debris cleared from this property.

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

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

- c. Acknowledge that the buildings or structures located at 811 Edna Street (District 5), have been demolished and the debris cleared from this property. **(Resolution No. 22-209)**

Resolution No. 22-209: A Resolution acknowledging that the buildings or structures located at 811 Edna Street (District 5), have been demolished and the debris cleared from this property.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

8. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented budget to actual reports for November 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The Council members had a discussion relating to tall grass in the city limits.

10. COUNCIL REMARKS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 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 7:43 p.m.

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