

**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, MAY 17, 2022 @ 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 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, and Dustin Suire. David Broussard and David Broussard and Deedy Johnson Reid were absent. Also present was Jeff Simon, City Attorney, and Erin Romero, City Clerk. 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. Brooke Marcotte led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**2. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Bo Duhe, 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney, and Kevin Ardoin of the Acadiana Crime Lab addressed the Council to request a pledge of \$417,271.00 in funding from the City of New Iberia and City Council for the construction and equipping of the Acadiana Crime Lab.

**Motion to Amend the Agenda and take up Resolution 105 out of order made by Ricky Gonsoulin, and seconded by Dustin Suire.**

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

**Resolution 22-105:** A resolution in support of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District Capital Outlay Request of funds to construct and equip a new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory and committing the City of New Iberia to provide matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$417,271.00 should said Capital Outlay request be funded by the State of Louisiana and local matching funds be required.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire.**

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

- b. Erica Capak addressed the Council and discuss Iberia Parish Rabies and Animal Control operations.
- c. Hannah Guillory addressed the Council to raise awareness about Maddie’s Footprints.

**3. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution 22-100:** Awarding contract to T.J. Breaux Electrical, LLC for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Updates to the Aeration Basin Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire .**

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

- b. **Resolution 22-101:** Awarding contract to NCMC, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Electric Valve Actuator Upgrades” 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, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid  
**ABSTAINED:** None

- c. **Resolution 22-102:** Rejecting bids for Sewer System Improvements – Basin D (LCDBG FY 2021).

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

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

- d. **Resolution 22-103:** Awarding contract to Complete Turf Care for Pepperplex Soccer Field Refurbishment Project and authorizing the Mayor to authorize any and all documentation in connection therewith.

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

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

- e. **Resolution 22-104:** Declaring two police cars as salvage and authorizing their donation to Vinton Police Department.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire.**

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

- f. **Resolution 22-105:** A resolution in support of the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District Capital Outlay Request of funds to construct and equip a new Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory and committing the City of New Iberia to provide matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$417,271.00 should said Capital Outlay request be funded by the State of Louisiana and local matching funds be required.

**\*\*\*Matter was taken up earlier in the meeting\*\*\***

- g. **Resolution 22-116:** Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute agreements for providing office space to the Teen Court Program at Suites 201 and 203, 121 West Pershing Street, New Iberia, the Iberia Parish Courthouse Annex Building, including Cooperative Endeavor Agreements between Iberia Parish Government and the City of New Iberia and between the City of New Iberia and the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire.**

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

**4. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-106)** on the state of buildings located at 317 W. Pershing Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-77, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Dustin Suire:

Public Hearing: The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response. Property owners have obtained a permit for demolition, so Jimmy Landry recommends the property be revisited on June 21, 2022

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

**Resolution 22-106:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 317 W. Pershing Street (District 5) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

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

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

- b. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-107)** on the state of buildings located at 608 Providence Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-78, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Marlon Lewis, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Hearing: The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and Benny Miller was present. Mr Miller has obtained a permit for demolition and is trying to gather funds, and also salvage what cypress they can. It should take him a few months to complete the process.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Dustin Suire, Seconded by Marlon Lewis

**Resolution 22-107:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 608 Providence Street (District 5) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.**

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

- c. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-108)** on the state of buildings located at 713 Providence Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-79, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Hearing: The Mayor called for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

**Resolution 22-108:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 713 W. Providence Street (District 5), and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 - 4766.

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

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid

**ABSTAINED:** None

- d. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-109)** on the state of buildings located at 1516 Rogers Street (District 3), per Resolution 22-80, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

Public Hearing: The Mayor called for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Dustin Suire.

**Resolution 22-109:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1516 Rogers Street (District 3), and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 - 4766.

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

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid

**ABSTAINED:** None

- e. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-110)** on the state of buildings located at 801 School Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-81, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

Public Hearing: The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and Gaston Dupas was present. He advised that this is a family property and requested that the property be revisited at a later date so that he may confer with the family as to what the best course of action would be.

**Resolution 22-110:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 801 School Street (District 5) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

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

- f. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-111)** on the state of buildings located at 1103 Spencer Loop (District 2), per Resolution 22-82, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Hearing: The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Marlon Lewis

**Resolution 22-111:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1103 Spencer Loop (District 2), and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 - 4766.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

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

- g. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-112)** on the state of buildings located at 1214 St Jude Ave (District 2), per Resolution 22-83, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Hearing: The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response. Jimmy Landry advised that the property owners have been issued a permit for the demolition of the structures on the property and that he recommends revisiting the status of said property on June 21, 2022.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

**Resolution 22-112:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1214 St. Jude Avenue (District 2) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Dustin Suire.**

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

- h. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-113)** on the state of buildings located at 510 W. St Peter St (District 5), per Resolution 22-84, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

Public Hearing: The Mayor called aloud for anyone present to represent this property. The property owner was not present; however, three concerned neighbors were in attendance. The first stated that there is significant wildlife activity in that property that is a disturbance

to his own home. The second stated that they are unable to park in the driveway of their own home due to the danger present from the neighbor's trees. The third stated that there are vagrants living in and out that of that home that are breaking into his personal effects. All three want to see some course of action to provide relief from the nuisances caused by this property from the Council.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Dustin Suire

Motion to demolition the aforementioned structures was made by Deidre Ledbetter and seconded by Marlon Lewis. City Attorney Jeff Simon questioned service and recommended revisiting on June 21, 2022, to allow additional time for notice to reach property owners by certified mail. Deidre Ledbetter then rescinded her motion, and Marlon Lewis rescinded his as well.

**Resolution 22-113:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 510 W. St Peter Street (District 5) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on June 21, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, Seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid

**ABSTAINED:** None

- i. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-114)** on the state of buildings located at 705 & 705 ½ Walton Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-85, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

Public Hearing: The Mayor called for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Deidre Ledbetter, Seconded by Brooke Marcotte

**Resolution 22-114:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 705 & 705 ½ Walton Street (District 5), and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 - 4766.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, Seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid

**ABSTAINED:** None

- j. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 22-115)** on the state of buildings located at 610 W. Washington Street (District 5), per Resolution 22-86, as noticed and advertised on April 29, 2022.

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, Seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

Public Hearing: The Mayor called for anyone present to represent this property and there was no response.

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Deidre Ledbetter, Seconded by Brooke Marcotte

**Resolution 22-115:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 610 W. Washington Street (District 5), and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing

the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 - 4766.

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, Seconded by Dustin Suire**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid

**ABSTAINED:** None

**5. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- a. **Ordinance 2022-11:** CWC Investments, LLC (Bart Broussard): A recommendation to approve the re-zoning of properties identified on a plat of survey entitled, "PLAT SHOWING PARTITION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CWC INVESTMENTS, LLC," by Paul Prince, LLC dated 03.18.22 showing Tract 1 measuring 4,502 sf. or 0.103 ac. being 125 Center St.; Tract 2A measuring 2,358.6 sf. or 0.054 ac.; and Tract 2B measuring 2,153.4 sf. or 0.049 ac. from C-1 to C-2 zoning classification.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid

**ABSTAINED:** None

**6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:**

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-12:** Amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds Received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No 3) and to set for public hearing on June 7, 2022.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** David Broussard and Deedy Johnson-Reid

**ABSTAINED:** None

**7. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.
- 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 to learn more.

9. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

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