

**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, JANUARY 18, 2022 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 Tuesday, January 18, 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present was the City Clerk, Erin Romero. Erin 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. Dustin Suire led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of January 4, 2022, as published on January 14, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-01** – An ordinance accepting donation from 5k Property Management, LLC to the City of New Iberia for the purpose of creating Lil Brooklyn Neighborhood Plaza and to set for public hearing on January 18, 2022.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Dustin Suire

Public comment:

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-04:** Amending the budget for costs associated with the installation of genset at Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant and to set for public hearing on January 18, 2022.

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Dustin Suire

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-01** – An ordinance accepting donation from 5k Property Management, LLC to the City of New Iberia for the purpose of creating Lil Brooklyn Neighborhood Plaza.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-04:** Amending the budget for costs associated with the installation of genset at Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by David Broussard

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 22-01:** Awarding Contract to Dixie Electric for electrical work on the City Slips Shoreline Development Project.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- b. **Resolution 22-03:** Approving certificate of substantial completion on the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Improvements 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- c. **Resolution 22-04:** A resolution in support of a financial pledge to the Iberia African American Historical Society for an educational program to teach the history of New Iberia's African Americans to students.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

Motion to Amend resolution in support of a financial pledge to the Iberia African American Historical Society for an educational program to teach the history of New Iberia's African Americans to students from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00 made by Deidre Ledbetter and seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Amended Resolution 22-04: A resolution in support of a financial pledge of \$7,500.00 to the Iberia African American Historical Society for an educational program to teach the history of New Iberia’s African Americans to students.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- d. **Resolution 22-05:** Requesting that DOTD salvage all ornamental light poles along Hopkins Street that are removed as part of their Drainage Improvements project.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

- e. **Resolution 22-06:** Rescheduling the New Iberia City Council Meeting presently set for March 1, 2022 (Mardi Gras Day) to March 2, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard

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

- f. **Resolution 22-07:** Approving Change Order No. 2 between the City of New Iberia, Minvielle Lumber Co and Paul Allain for the Visitor Pavilion Conversion Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- g. **Resolution 22-08:** Approving Change Order No. 5 between the City of New Iberia, Minvielle Lumber Co and Paul Allain for the Bayou Teche Museum – Phase II Renovations Doc Voorhies Wing and George Rodrigue Park Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- h. **Resolution 22-09:** Approving Change Order No. 6 between the City of New Iberia, Minvielle Lumber Co and Paul Allain for the Bayou Teche Museum – Phase II Renovations Doc Voorhies Wing and George Rodrigue Park Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

- i. **Resolution 22-10:** Awarding Contract to Minvielle Lumber Company for the Lil Brooklyn Park Pavilion Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- j. **Resolution 22-11:** Awarding contract to Minvielle Construction for the MLK Center and West End Park Improvements 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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- k. **Resolution 22-12:** Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of New Iberia and Architect, Paul Allain, for the professional services on the West End Park Splashpad Phase II Project.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- l. **Resolution 22-13:** Regarding the City of New Iberia providing health insurance coverage for retirees.

Motion to lay Resolution 22-13 on the table made by Deidre Ledbetter and seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance 2022-02** - Amending contract for professional services with Berard Habetz and Associates for City of New Iberia Streets Project and to set for public hearing on February 1, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisited the state of buildings located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2):

Resolution 22-14: Declaring that the buildings or structures located at 515 Daigle Street (District 2) must 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 March 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of this 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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- b. Revisited the state of buildings located at 103 Doris Street (District 3):

Resolution 22-15: Declaring that the buildings or structures located at 103 Doris Street (District 3) must 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 March 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- c. Revisit the state of buildings located at 811 Edna Street (District 5):

Resolution 22-16: Declaring that the buildings or structures located at 811 Edna Street (District 5) must 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 March 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

- d. Revisit the state of buildings located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5):

Resolution 22-17: Declaring that the buildings or structures located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5) must 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 March 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Update on American Rescue Plan Act funding by Mayor DeCourt.
b. Update on City of New Iberia Streets Project by Mayor DeCourt.

Motion to take Resolution 22-13 (Regarding the City of new Iberia providing health insurance coverage for retirees) off the table made by Brooke Marcotte and seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin:

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

David Broussard made a motion to call for the question (no second)

Motion in support of Resolution 22-13 – Regarding the City of New Iberia providing health insurance coverage for retirees – by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire

David Broussard made a motion to call for the question (no second)

After more discussion, a vote was taken on the motion in support of Resolution 22-13 – Regarding the City of New Iberia providing health insurance coverage for retirees – made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

9. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1, 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.

11. **ADJOURNED AT 8:26 P.M.**

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