

**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, MAY 20, 2025 AT 5:31 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, May 20, 2025, at Five Thirty-One (5:31) 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 (exited meeting at 6:45 p.m.), Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill (entered meeting at 5:36 p.m.), Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle. 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. Troy Comeaux led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON):

NONE.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of May 6, 2025, which will be published on May 21, 2025.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSENT AT VOTING: David Merrill

Motion adopted.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Marcus Boudreaux with the Iberia Veterans Association announced the Memorial Day Remembrance Event to be held in Boulogny Plaza on May 26, 2025.
- b. Brad Kolder with Kolder, Slaven, and Company presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024. Mr. Kolder announced that both findings listed in the financial report have been corrected.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-11:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 86-130 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances prohibiting operation of vehicles in standing water; establishing penalties; and providing for enforcement through electronic surveillance

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by David Merrill

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin,
David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 25-59:** A Resolution accepting the financial report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2024, as presented by Kolder, Slaven, and Company

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- b. Resolution No. 25-60:** A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, May 3, 2025, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein

Motion Dan Doerle, seconded by David Merrill

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- c. Resolution No. 25-61:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of New Iberia, the State of Louisiana, and other government entities relating to the redesignation of the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization as the Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization and its governance

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-15:** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for new sales tax levy and provide for increase in Fire Department salaries & benefits and setting for public hearing on June 3, 2025

Motion by David Merrill, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- b. Ordinance No. 2025-12:** An Ordinance levying millages on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on June 3, 2025

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2025-13:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 70-4 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances to prohibit the discharge or deposit of grass clippings and lawn debris onto public streets, sidewalks, and storm drains; providing for enforcement and penalties; and for other purposes and setting for public hearing on June 3, 2025

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Merrill

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- d. **Ordinance No. 2025-14:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 14-2 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances relating to the returning of seized animals to their owner and setting for public hearing on June 3, 2025

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- e. **Ordinance No. 2025-15:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Sections 14-31 and 14-37 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances relating to a community cat program and setting for public hearing on June 3, 2025

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- f. **Ordinance No. 2025-16:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Burglar Alarms & Security Co., Inc. d/b/a Lafayette Alarm System for protection at the Cyr Gate Community Center and setting for public hearing on June 3, 2025

Motion by David Merrill, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Babette Lastrapes presented the monthly budget-to-actual report for November 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

8. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on June 3, 2025.
- 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.

10. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

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