

**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, JUNE 6 AT 5:32PM**

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, June 6, 2023, at five thirty-two (5:32) 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. Mayor Pro-Tem, Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of May 16, 2023, which published on May 25, 2023

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-20 (Amendment #19):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect purchase of dump truck carried over from 2022 fiscal year

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

Public comment: NONE

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-21 (Amendment #20):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect revenue for Bayou Teche Museum (Phase III) Project

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

Public comment: NONE

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

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-22(Amendment #21):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect outstanding funds and expenses for interior work related to ACT 119

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

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd: Marlon Lewis

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-20 (Amendment #19):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect purchase of dump truck carried over from 2022 fiscal year

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire

**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. 2022-2023-21 (Amendment #20)**: An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect revenue for Bayou Teche Museum (Phase III) Project

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-22(Amendment #21)**: An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect outstanding funds and expenses for interior work related to ACT 119

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

5. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-62:** Supporting the inclusion of Freetown Lil' Brooklyn Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire

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. 23-63:** Authorizing the designation of "The Daily Iberian" as the Official Journal for the City of New Iberia for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2023

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

- c. **Resolution No. 23-64:** Accepting the Financial Report for fiscal year ending October 31, 2022, as presented by Kolder, Slaven & Co. on May 16, 2023

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

- d. **Resolution No. 23-65:** Approving Change Order No. 1 for the FY 2021 LCDBG Basin D Sewer System Improvements 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

- e. **Resolution No. 23-66-** Approving Change Order No. 4 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 Dustin Suire

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- f. **Resolution No. 23-67:** Approving Change Order No. 5 for the LA Pepperplex Concessions and Restroom Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- g. **Resolution No. 23-68:** Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute the Maintenance Agreement including Mowing and Litter Pickup with LADOTD for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-16:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 6) and setting for public hearing on June 20, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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 Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-23 (Amendment #22):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect donation and utilization of funds for Rodrigue Park benches and setting for public hearing on June 20, 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. 2022-2023-24 (Amendment #23):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect moving available funds to Pepperplex for purchase and installation of sign and setting for public hearing on June 20, 2023.

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

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- d. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-25 (Amendment #24)**: An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect actual contract for Acadian Acres Detention Pond Project and setting for public hearing on June 20, 2023.

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

7. **FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actual report for November 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023.

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Discussion of proposals of individual responses to the potential Cleco rate increase. (Deidre Ledbetter)

9. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on **June 20, 2023**.
- 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.

11. **ADJOURN:** Unanimous motion to adjourn, 7:24pm.

/s/Lanie Kerlegon

Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk
City of New Iberia