

**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 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023, 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 February 22, 2023, at Five-Thirty (5:30) 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, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council members David Broussard and Dustin Suire were absent.

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. Council member Brooke Marcotte led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of February 7, 2023, which published on February 22, 2023.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin and seconded by Brooke Marcotte:**

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

**3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Troy Comeaux addressed the Council regarding the proposed dedication of Admiral Doyle Drive as Veterans Memorial Drive.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-10 (Amendment #9):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect adjustment for Founder's Park

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy-Johnson-Reid**

**Public comment: NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte**

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-11 (Amendment #10):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect the sale of four police units and apportion applicable expenses

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**Public comment: NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte**

**5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-10 (Amendment #9):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect adjustment for Founder's Park

**Motion by Marlon Lewis and seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid:**

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

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: David Broussard and Dustin Suire**

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-11 (Amendment #10):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect the sale of four police units and apportion applicable expenses

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and seconded by Brooke Marcotte:**

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

**6. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-16:** Opposing any and all increases to Cleco utility rates affecting residential and commercial customers within the City of New Iberia

**Motion by Marlon Lewis and seconded unanimously by Brooke Marcotte, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid:**

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-17:** Authorizing the mayor to execute a preventative maintenance agreement with Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the City Hall HVAC system

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and seconded by Deidre Ledbetter:**

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

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-12 (Amendment #11):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect cost pursuant to the revised rabies control contract and setting for Public Hearing on March 7, 2023.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and seconded by Marlon Lewis:**

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-13 (Amendment #12):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect receipt and utilization of electrical signing bonus for city-wide crime camera system and setting for Public Hearing on March 7, 2023.

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin and seconded by Brooke Marcotte that Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-13 (Amendment #12) be deleted at this time.**

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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-06:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Contract by and between the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Louisiana and the City of New Iberia related to the “City of New Iberia EVSE VW Settlement” (Electric Vehicles Charge Station) Project and setting for Public Hearing on March 7, 2023.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis and seconded by Deidre Ledbetter:**

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

- d. **Ordinance No. 2023-07:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Metro Hospitality, LLC related to the Electrical Vehicles Charge Station Project and setting for Public Hearing on March 7, 2023.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin:**

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

- e. **Ordinance No. 2023-08:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Iberia Parish Government related to rabies control services within the city limits of New Iberia and setting for Public Hearing on March 7, 2023.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and seconded by Brooke Marcotte:**

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

8. **FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented budget to actual report for November 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. The mayor updated the council the on proposed closure of the Deare Street railroad crossing.

10. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on March 7, 2023.
- 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.

12. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

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