

**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, JUNE 7, 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 June 7, 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 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. Marlon Lewis led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of May 3, 2022, which will publish on June 8, 2022.

**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  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

- b. Acceptance of the minutes of May 17, 2022, which will publish on June 10, 2022.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

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

- a. Brad Kolder and Art Mixon of Kolder, Slaven, & Company, LLC presented financial report for fiscal year ending October 31, 2021.
- b. Renee Stansbury addressed council and presented Smoke Free City award.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Ordinance 2022-12:** Amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 3)

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson Reid

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dustin Suire

**5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance 2022-12:** Amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 3)

**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  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-13:** Approving contract for general engineering services between the City of New Iberia and Domingue, Szabo and Associates and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and to set for public hearing on June 21, 2022.

**Motion by David Broussard, 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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-14:** Approving negotiation of cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of New Iberia and the Town of Berwick for use of their town jail to house detainees that cannot be incarcerated in the Iberia Parish Jail and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and to set for public hearing on June 21, 2022.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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

**7. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution 22-117:** Accepting proposal from Pelicans Waste and Debris for disaster recovery services and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

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

Motion to amend the resolution on the floor was made by Ricky Gonsoulin to change the effective date to June 7, 2022, rather than July 1, 2022, and 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

**Resolution 22-117 (as amended):** Accepting proposal from Pelicans Waste and Debris for disaster recovery services and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and 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**

- b. **Resolution 22-118:** Accepting Change Order No. 1 for the MLK Community Center and West End Park Improvements Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

**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**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

- c. **Resolution 22-119:** Awarding contract to Francise Horticultural Services, Inc., for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “West End Park Splash Pad Expansion” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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**

- d. **Resolution 22-120:** Approving contract for professional services with Domingue, Szabo & Associates for engineering services associated with a capacity/flow rate study at Sucrose Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**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**

- e. **Resolution 22-121:** Accepting Change Order No 7 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 David Broussard, 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**

- f. **Resolution 22-122:** Accepting a certificate of substantial completion 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 David Broussard, 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

- g. **Resolution 22-123:** Approving contract for professional engineering services associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Purchase and Installation of Oil Water Separator” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and 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

- h. **Resolution 22-124:** Declaring certain assets as surplus and authorizing their disposal.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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 22-125:** Approving contract for professional services on the Civic Center Marina Clean Vessel Act System and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**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

**8. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. Revisit the state of buildings located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2) and Action (Resolution 22-126).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and there was no one present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report that depicted remediations had begun on the home. Councilman Lewis recalled the property owner stating that he worked offshore for long periods and stated that he wanted to revisit the state of the remediations again in the future as the owner has clearly been doing work on the property.

**Resolution 22-126:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 515 Daigle Street (District 2) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the

property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on August 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of this property.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

- b. Revisit the state of buildings located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-127).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and there was no one present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that sufficient repairs have not been made to this property and there is not enough time on this permit to complete substantial enough repairs. Mr. Landry recommended demolishing the structures on the property.

**Resolution 22-127:** Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 318 Weeks 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 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

- c. **Resolution 22-128:** Declaring that the buildings located at address 809 Edna Street (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on July 5, 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

- d. **Resolution 22-129:** Declaring that the buildings located at address 808 Lombard Street (District 2) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on July 5, 2022.

**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

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Councilwoman Ledbetter presented an issue about speeding that is affecting neighborhoods city wide. Chief D’Albor was present, and suggestions/discussions were held between the Council, Mayor, Police Chief, and City Attorney as to possible solutions to move forward with.

**10. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 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](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

**12. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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