

**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 7, 2024 AT 5:30 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 7, 2024, 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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. Marlon Lewis 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 April 16, 2024, which were published on May 8, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-19:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect funds for K-9 Narcotics Grant

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid
Public comment: NONE
Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-42:** A Resolution selecting a contractor for disaster recovery services and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard, that Resolution No. 24-42, be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that a Resolution selecting Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC as contractor for disaster recovery services and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith be adopted at this time.

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle**
NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-43:** A Resolution appointing Patrick Norris to the Municipal Government Employees Civil Service Board for the remainder of a five-year term to fill a vacancy created by the expiration of term for Willie Jefferson, whose term expired on April 1, 2024.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-44:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 5 (Administrative) for the City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-45:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-46:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 (Administrative) for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Streets – Crack Routing, Filling, and Sealing 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 Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-47:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Streets – Crack Routing, Filling, and Sealing Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

- g. Resolution No. 24-48:** A Resolution awarding contract to Dixie Electric, Inc for the City Park Trail Lighting Upgrades Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dan Doerle

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

Motion Adopted.

- h. Resolution No. 24-49:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Bayou Teche Museum Project (Phase III) FP&C Project No. 50-ML1-17-02 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 Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

- i. Resolution No. 24-50:** A Resolution creating the administrative process for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Business Development Grants”

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte, that Resolution No. 24-50 be adopted at this time.

Upon further discussion, Brooke Marcotte withdrew her second and the motion died for lack of a second.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-14:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 to contract for emergency and non-emergency services for the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on May 21, 2024.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dan Doerle

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-15:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on May 21, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-16:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to civilians and other law enforcement agencies, at a cost not less than fair market value, in accordance with state law and setting for public hearing on June 4, 2024.

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-20:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect funds received from the Drug Enforcement Agency and setting for public hearing on May 21, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-21:** An Ordinance amending the budget to adjust for the lowest bid on the City Park Trail Lighting Upgrades Project and setting for public hearing on May 21, 2024.

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- f. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-22:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect transfer for the Wastewater Headworks and Pepperplex Road projects and setting for public hearing on May 21, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

6. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-51:** A Resolution in support of an application to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism for expansion of the West End Historic Cultural District.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

Motion Adopted.

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actual report for November 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The Council discussed the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Partnership with Technical College for Sectoral Job Training.”

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on May 21, 2024.
- 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. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

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