

**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, JULY 18, 2023 AT 5:31PM**

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, July 18, 2023, 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire (exited at 6:22pm). Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member Marlon Lewis was 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. Dustin Suire led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of July 5, 2023, which published on July 13, 2023

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-17:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Iberia Parish Government and the City of New Iberia related to possession of the former Iberia Parish Tourist Commission Building on the New Iberia Pepperplex grounds

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**  
**Public Comment: NONE**  
**Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-27 (Amendment #26):** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds for Wastewater screen replacement

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard**  
**Public Comment: NONE**  
**Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte, seconded by David Broussard**

**4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-17:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Iberia Parish Government and the City of New Iberia related to possession of the former Iberia Parish Tourist Commission Building on the New Iberia Pepperplex grounds

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-27 (Amendment #26):** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds for Wastewater screen replacement

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

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

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-94:** Authorizing the City of New Iberia to retain attorney Robert C. Vines to represent the City in the Fire and Police Civil Service in an appeal filed by Orlando Matthews and further authorizing the Mayor to sign a retainer agreement with him, providing for billing at \$175.00 per hour plus out of pocket expenses

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire**

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-113:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “City Park Improvements” (Phase I: Pool House Demo) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-114:** Approving Change Order No. 1 for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “West End Park Community Center Space Improvements for Boys & Girls Club” and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

- d. **Resolution No. 23-115:** Awarding contract to Stephens TPS, Inc for the Steel Tank Blasting and Painting Project at the Sucrose Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-18:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an Agreement for Land Application of Processed Municipal Sludge by and between the City of New Iberia and Kirk D. Guilbeaux and setting for public hearing on August 1, 2023

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-116:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 129 and 129 ½ Delasalle are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard**

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-117:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 104 Perry Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-118:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 522 Copper Road are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

- d. **Resolution No. 23-119:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1103 Sis are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-120:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 301 Colgin are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

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

- f. **Resolution No. 23-121:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 632 Weeks Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

**Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

- g. **Resolution No. 23-122:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 601 ½ Juarez Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

- h. **Resolution No. 23-123:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1201 Park Avenue are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**8. FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actual report for November 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

**9. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on August 1, 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. **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](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

**11. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

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Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk  
City of New Iberia