

**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, MARCH 15, 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 March 15, 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 the City Clerk, Erin Romero and City Attorney, Jeff Simon. Erin 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. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of March 2, 2022, which will publish on Wednesday March 16, 2022.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Special Ordinance 2021-2022-06:** Amending the budget to reflect debt service on 2020 Refunding Bond & to reflect cost of contract for lighting on City Slips.

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

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-03:** Adding Article VI of Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of New Iberia, consisting of Sections 38-90 through 38-95, prohibiting smoking in specified areas.

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment:

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

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance 2021-2022-06:** Amending the budget to reflect debt service on 2020 Refunding Bond & to reflect cost of contract for lighting on City Slips.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-03:** Adding Article VI of Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of New Iberia, consisting of Sections 38-90 through 38-95, prohibiting smoking in specified areas.

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

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

NAYS: David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin and Dustin Suire

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 22-37:** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Supplemental Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Iberia Sports Complex Commission, Inc for the City to assume all operations, management, and improvements of the Pepperplex Sports Complex.

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. **Resolution 22-38:** Appointing Richard Romero as Director of the Pepperplex Sports Complex.

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

- c. **Resolution 22-39:** Awarding contract to Glenn Lege Construction Company for the 2021 Streets Project: Asphalt Overlay 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 Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d. **Resolution 22-40:** Accepting a Certificate of Substantial Completion for the District 3 – Armentor Park Improvement Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

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

- e. **Resolution 22-41:** Approving Supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement between Iberia Parish School Board, the City of New Iberia, and New Iberia Police Department for School Resource Officers.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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 22-42:** Authorizing the publication of notice of the filing of a Petition for Annexation filed by Loraine Frances Romero, et al., for annexation of a 11.252 acre tract located in Section 21, T-12-S, R-6-E.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Ricky Gonsoulin

- g. **MOTION TO EXPAND AGENDA TO INCLUDE RESOLUTION 22-43,** as it was determined through discussion that the air conditioning unit in the gym at Cyr Gates not working constitutes an immediate need by the City.

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

Resolution 22-43: Awarding contract to Harris Heating and Cooling, LLC for the Cyr-Gates Community Center Gym Air Conditioning Replacement Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

Public comment: Andrew Harris

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Ordinance 2022-04:** Enlarging the boundaries of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana, and amending the Charter of the City of New Iberia and to set for public hearing on April 5, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: Ricky Gonsoulin

- b. **Ordinance 2022-05:** Amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City of New Iberia and to set for public hearing on April 5, 2022.

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

7. FINANCE REPORTS

- a. Kevin Zerangue to present monthly budget reports for November 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Project Spotlight: An update was given and pictures were shown from the Public Works Department’s City-wide drainage maintenance program from 2021.

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. **Announcement of Public Meeting:** Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the City Hall Council Chambers, 457 E. Main Street, New Iberia, Louisiana, the City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of ad valorem taxes therein.
- b. **Announcement of Special Meeting:** Notice is hereby given that the New Iberia City Council has scheduled a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the City Hall Council Chambers, 457 E. Main Street, New Iberia, Louisiana, for the purposes of the City Council commencing plans for redistricting.
- c. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.
- d. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.
- e. **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.

9. UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:23 P.M.

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