

**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, AUGUST 2, 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 August 2, 2022, 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: Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid. Also present was Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Absent from the meeting were Brooke Marcotte, David Broussard, and Dustin Suire. Ms. Kerlegon advised the Mayor that the Council had a quorum.

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, Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of July 19, 2022, which will publish on August 3, 2022.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte, David Broussard, and Dustin Suire**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-15:** An Ordinance granting a franchise to LOUISIANA WATER COMPANY (a Louisiana corporation), its successors and assigns, for a period of ten (10) years and a provision for an automatic renewal for an additional ten (10) years, for the construction, maintenance and operation of water utilities and/or water transmission and distribution systems in, through and across the City of New Iberia, Louisiana, and for the use of the streets, alleys and public places within the limits of said municipality, as same may be now or hereafter lawfully exist, and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and to set for Public Hearing on August 2, 2022.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public Comment: None.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-16:** An Ordinance approving the Water Service Agreement with Louisiana Water Company and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and to set for Public Hearing on August 2, 2022.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public Comment: None.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

- c. **Special Ordinance 2021-2022-09:** Amending the budget to reflect fund allocation to Pepperplex for facility improvements and to set for Public Hearing on August 2, 2022.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

Public Comment: None.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

**4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-15:** An Ordinance granting a franchise to LOUISIANA WATER COMPANY (a Louisiana corporation), its successors and assigns, for a period of ten (10) years and a provision for an automatic renewal for an additional ten (10) years, for the construction, maintenance and operation of water utilities and/or water transmission and distribution systems in, through and across the City of New Iberia, Louisiana, and for the use of the streets, alleys and public places within the limits of said municipality, as same may be now or hereafter lawfully exist, and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and to set for Public Hearing on August 2, 2022.

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

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-16:** An Ordinance approving the Water Service Agreement with Louisiana Water Company and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and to set for Public Hearing on August 2, 2022.

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

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

- c. **Special Ordinance 2021-2022-09:** Amending the budget to reflect fund allocation to Pepperplex for facility improvements and to set for Public Hearing on August 2, 2022.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 22-168:** Rejecting the bid of J.M. Lyons, LLC for the LA Pepperplex – Concessions & Restroom Building Project.

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

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

- b. **Resolution No. 22-169:** Awarding contract to Mourain Construction, LLC. for the LA Pepperplex – Concessions & Restroom Building Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

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

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

- c. **Resolution No. 22-170:** Awarding contact to Dixie Electric, Inc. for the LA Pepperplex – Sports Field Lighting Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

- d. **Resolution No. 22-171:** Awarding contract to GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the LA Pepperplex – Artificial Field Turf Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

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

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

- e. **Resolution No. 22-172:** Approving contract with Minvielle & Associates for grant administration consulting services necessary to prepare and submit documentation for Acts 119 and 170 and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

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

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

- f. **Resolution No. 22-173:** Approving contract for professional engineering services with Domingue, Szabo, & Associates Inc. for services associated with American Rescue Plan Project entitled “Grant Match Funding” for qualifying Wastewater projects under ARPA-Water Sector Program.

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

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Deedy Johnson-Reid  
**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte, David Broussard, and Dustin Suire**  
**ABSTAINED: None**

- g. **Resolution No. 22-174:** Accepting Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Martin Luther King Center & Park Improvements and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid.**

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

- h. **Resolution No. 22-175:** Approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Iberia Parish School Board for School Resource Officers.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.**

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

- i. **Resolution No. 22-176:** Approving the two-year appointment of Kevin Zerangue as Director to the Board of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis.**

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

- j. **Resolution No. 22-181:** Accepting Change Order No. 2 for the New Iberia Historic District Trails Project (Grant No. H. 014328) and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

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

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

## **6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-17:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to the City of St. Martinville and City of Abbeville Police Departments, or any other Police Department, at a cost not less than \$20,000 per vehicle, in accordance with state law.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

**7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. Revisited the state of buildings located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2): Neither the property owner, nor a representative of the property owner were present at the meeting. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, presented pictures and an inspection report and advised that property remediations have stalled. Councilman Marlon Lewis informed the Council that he has spoken to the property owner who advised that he would demolish the structure himself.

**Resolution No. 22-177:** Declaring that the building(s) or structure(S) LOCATED at 515 Daigre Street (District 2) shall be demolished and removed by the property owners within thirty days of the date of this resolution and if the structure has not been demolished in thirty days, the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the same, 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 Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

- b. Revisited the state of buildings at 608 Providence Street (District 5): Neither the property owner, nor a representative of the property owner were present at the meeting. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, presented pictures and an inspection report and advised that the structure had been demolished and the debris had been cleared by the property owners. The Council was satisfied with the progress of remediations, and Councilman Reid made a motion to acknowledge the demolition of the structures at this address.

**Resolution No. 22-178:** A Resolution declaring the building(s) or structure(s) located at 608 Providence Street (District 5) have been demolished and the debris has been cleared

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

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

- c. Revisited the state of buildings at 801 School Street (District 5): A representative for the property was present at the meeting who advised that the structure on the property had been demolished and the debris had been cleared. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, presented pictures and an inspection report verifying the representative of the property's account. The Council was satisfied with the progress of remediations, and Councilman Reid made a motion to acknowledge the demolition of the structures at this address.

**Resolution No. 22-179:** A resolution declaring the building(s) or structure(s) located at 801 School Street (District 5) have been demolished and the debris has been cleared

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

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

- d. Revisited the state of buildings at 1214 St. Jude Avenue (District 5): Neither the property owner, nor a representative of the property owner were present at the meeting. Jimmy Landry, in his capacity as Building Official, presented pictures and an inspection report and advised that the structure had been demolished and the debris had been cleared by the property owners. The Council was satisfied with the progress of remediations, and Councilman Reid made a motion to acknowledge the demolition of the structures at this address.

**Resolution No. 22-180:** A Resolution declaring the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1214 St. Jude Avenue (District 5) have been demolished and the debris has been cleared

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

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

8. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 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 to learn more.

10. **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

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