

**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, AUGUST 1, 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, August 1, 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member Brooke Marcotte 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. Marlon Lewis led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of July 18, 2023, which will be published on August 1, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **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

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

Public Comment: NONE

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

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **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

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-124:** Appointing Erica Capak to the Dangerous Animal Committee

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire that Resolution No. 23-124 be postponed to August 15, 2023.

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-125:** Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract by and between the city of New Iberia and Minvielle & Associates, LLC for grant administrative consulting services related to Act 397

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-126:** Approving Change Order No. 1 for the American Rescue Plan Act project entitled “Electric Valve Actuator Upgrades” and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- d. **Resolution No. 23-127:** Approving Change Order No. 6 for the LA Pepperplex – Concessions and Restrooms project and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-128:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Plan Act project entitled “Electric Valve Actuator Upgrades” and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

- f. **Resolution No. 23-129:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion 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 documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- g. **Resolution No. 23-130:** Awarding contract to Minvielle Lumber Company Inc. for the American Rescue Plan Act project entitled “West End Park Expansion” and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-19:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute agreements and other documentation on behalf of the city of New Iberia relating to the donation of immovable property by Mr. William J. Dore to the city of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on August 15, 2023.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

- b. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-28:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds and usage for the 2021 JAG Grant and setting for public hearing on August 15, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

- c. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-29:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds needed for the American Rescue Plan Act West End Park Expansion Project and setting for public hearing on August 15, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-131:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1102 ½ Sis 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 Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The Council discussed the potential impact of low-income housing tax incentives in the city of New Iberia. (Deedy Johnson-Reid)

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on August 15, 2023.

- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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 to learn more.

11. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

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