

**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, JANUARY 17, 2023, AT 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 January 17, 2023, 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, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member David Broussard 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. Council member Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of January 3, 2023, which will publish on January 18, 2023.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin and seconded by Marlon Lewis:**

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

**3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Redistricting Update by Cedric Floyd, President, Data Center LLC.
- b. Raymond Lewis, Tyra McWhorter and Keary Mo addressed the Council regarding National Mentoring Month 2023.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-01:** An Ordinance approving contract between the City of New Iberia and Minvielle & Associates, Inc. for grant administrative consulting services and authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte**

**Public comment: NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2023-02:** An Ordinance amending Section 18-28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia, relating to waiver land use regulations relative to permitting for mobile homes, recreational vehicles or other temporary housing located directly adjacent to an applicant's damaged dwelling in the event of a declared gubernatorial disaster or emergency, waived by the mayor on a case-by-case basis to allow for expedited delivery

**Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dustin Suire**

**Public comment: NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-01:** An Ordinance approving contract between the City of New Iberia and Minvielle & Associates, Inc. for grant administrative consulting services and

authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any, and all documentation in connection therewith

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

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: David Broussard**

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**Motion by Marlon Lewis and seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: David Broussard**

**6. EMERGENCY ORDINANCES:**

- a. Extending Ordinance No. 2022-33, which is an Emergency Ordinance adopted December 20, 2022, allowing temporary placement of mobile homes, recreational vehicles or other temporary housing located directly adjacent to or near an applicant's damaged dwelling in areas affected by the tornado of December 14, 2022, for an additional 30 days, as authorized by Section 2-13(c) of the New Iberia City Charter

**Motion by Marlon Lewis and seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: David Broussard**

**7. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-05:** Approving Change Order No. 3 for the Civic Center Marina Phase I Project, and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**ABSENT: David Broussard**

**8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-26:** An ordinance to amend and extend, for a period of twenty-five (25) years, until December 6, 2050, Ordinance No. 2000-580 (adopted November 8, 2000), which ordinance granted a franchise to Cleco Power LLC (formerly Cleco Utility Group, Inc.), its successors and assigns, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of electric utilities, electric generating facilities and/or transmission and distribution systems in, through and across the city of New Iberia, Louisiana ("municipality"), and for the use of the streets, alleys, and public places of said municipality, in connection therewith, for the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electric current, energy, and/or power, and

to modify the terms of said franchise granted in Ordinance No. 2000-580 as hereinafter set forth, and setting for Public Hearing on February 7, 2023.

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte that Ordinance No. 2022-26 be adopted at this time.**

**A motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid that the introduction of February 22, 2023 New Iberia City Council meeting.**

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

The motion to postpone failed to be adopted.

**Upon further discussion, a vote on the original motion was recorded, as follows:**

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

- b. Ordinance No. 2023-03:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to a local Police Department, at a cost not less than \$25,000, in accordance with state law, and setting for Public Hearing on February 7, 2023.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis and seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

- c. Ordinance No. 2023-04:** An Ordinance amending Sections 2 and 8-01 of the City of New Iberia Charter relative to election districts and setting for Public Hearing on February 7, 2023.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin and seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

- d. Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-07 (Amendment #6):** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over prior year unused appropriated funds for district projects and setting for Public Hearing on February 7, 2023.

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

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

- e. Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-08 (Amendment #7):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Change Order No. 3 on Civic Center Marina (Phase I) Project and setting for Public Hearing on February 7, 2023.

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

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

- f. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-09 (Amendment #8):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Keep LA Beautiful beautification grant and setting for Public Hearing on February 7, 2023.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid and seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**9. AGENDA EXPANSION:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-06:** Authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc. related to a grant received by the City of New Iberia to plant cypress trees in George Rodrigue Park.

The purpose of this expansion is to authorize the mayor to execute this agreement before the February 6, 2023 deadline, since the next New Iberia City Council meeting is after that date.

**A motion to expand the agenda was made by Dustin Suire and seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin:**

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

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

**Public comment: NONE**

**Motion to close Public Hearing: Deidre Ledbetter; 2nd Marlon Lewis**

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter and seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**10. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 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. **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.

12. **ADJOURN:** Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

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