

**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 15, 2023 AT 5:30PM**

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 15, 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin (exited the meeting at 6:10 p.m.), Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk.

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. David Broussard led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of August 1, 2023, which published on August 10, 2023.

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
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **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

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

Public Comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-28:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds and usage for the 2021 JAG Grant

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

Public Comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: David Broussard, seconded by Dustin Suire

- c. **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

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

Public Comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

4. ORINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **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

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion carried.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-28:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funds and usage for the 2021 JAG Grant

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion carried.

- c. **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

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion carried.

5. **RESOLUTIONS:**

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

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter that Resolution No. 23-124 be postponed to the September 5, 2023 council meeting.

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

Motion failed.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion carried.

- b. **Resolution No. 23-132:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the LA Pepperplex Concessions and Restroom Project 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
ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- c. **Resolution No. 23-133:** Approving Administrative Change Order for the Dale Street Sidewalk Improvements Project 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried.

- d. **Resolution No. 23-134:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Dale Street Sidewalk Improvements Project 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried.

- e. **Resolution No. 23-135:** Supporting the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation's request for Capital Outlay funding for a youth and community resource center to the city of New Iberia

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion carried.

6. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 23-136)** on the state of buildings located at 620 East Saint Peter Street (District 5), per Resolution No. 23-96.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire that Resolution No. 23-136 be postponed to the September 19, 2023 New Iberia City Council meeting

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

Motion carried.

- b. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 23-137)** on the state of buildings located at 626 East Saint Peter Street (District 5), per Resolution No. 23-97.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire that Resolution No. 23-136 be postponed to the September 19, 2023 New Iberia City Council meeting

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

NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSENT AT VOTING: Ricky Gonsoulin

Motion carried.

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actual report for November 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. The New Iberia City Council discussed eviction-created bulky waste issues.

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on September 5, 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 7:01 p.m.

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