

**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, OCTOBER 5, 2021 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 Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 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: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Brooke Marcotte was absent. Also present was the City Attorney, Jeff Simon, and City Clerk, Erin Romero. Ms. 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. Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of September 21, 2021 as published on October 3, 2021.

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
ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte
ABSTAINED: None

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2021-2022-01 (Budget Adoption Ordinance):** An ordinance adopting a budget for the City of New Iberia for the Fiscal Year ending October 31, 2022.

Motion to open public hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Dustin Suire.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid.

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2021-2022-01 (Budget Adoption Ordinance):** An ordinance adopting a budget for the City of New Iberia for the Fiscal Year ending October 31, 2022.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 21-107:** A Resolution in support of original agreement with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) State Project No. H.014510, F.A.P. No H014510 Iberia Street Pavement Preservation and Bike Lane Improvement (Iberia Parish).

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

- b. **Resolution 21-108:** Appointing Bilal Morton to the Port of Iberia District Board of Commissioners to represent the City of New Iberia for a term of six years.

Motion by Dustin Suire seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- c. **Resolution 21-109:** Approving contract for professional services between the City of New Iberia and Domingue Szabo & Associates, Inc., for engineering services in conjunction with Sewer Improvements FP&C Project No 50-ML 1-20-01.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

- d. **Resolution 21-110:** Approving contract for professional services between the City of New Iberia and Staples Engineering for a drainage improvements project near the intersections of Glenn Street, Evangeline Street, and Caroline Street.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson Reid.

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

- e. **Resolution 21-111:** Approving contract for professional services between the City of New Iberia and Staples Engineering for a drainage improvements project near the intersection of Weldon Street and E. Dale Street.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE INTERSECTION OF DALE STREET AND JEFFERSON TERRACE TO THIS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND CONTRACT MADE BY DEEDY JOHNSON REID AND SECONDED BY DUSTIN SUIRE

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

Motion to vote on Amended Resolution by Ricky Gonsoulin, Seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2020-2021-10 (Amendment #9):** An ordinance amending the budget to adjust within 5% and to set for Public Hearing on October 19, 2021.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented monthly budget reports for November 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

8. Property Standards:

- a. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-112)** on the state of buildings located at 714 Ann Street (District 5), per Resolution 21-61, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021.

Motion to open public hearing by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid.

Resolution No 21-112: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s), 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 Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

- b. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-113)** on the state of buildings located at 1612 Brian Street (District 4), per Resolution 21-62, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021.

Motion to open public hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

Resolution No 21-113: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s), 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 Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

- c. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-114)** on the state of buildings located at 515 Daigre Street (District 2), per Resolution 21-63, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021.

Motion to open public hearing by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson Reid.

Resolution No 21-114: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) 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 David Broussard.

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

- d. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-115)** on the state of buildings located at 136 W. Dale Street (District 3), per Resolution 21-64, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021.

Motion to open public hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Dustin Suire.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Resolution No 21-115: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s), 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 David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- e. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-116)** on the state of buildings located at 103 Doris Street (District 3), per Resolution 21-65, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021.

Motion to open public hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Comment: Adel Malahmeh

Motion to close public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Resolution No 21-116: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on December 7, 2021 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- f. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-117)** on the state of buildings located at 809 Edna Street (District 5), per Resolution 21-66, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021.

Motion to open public hearing by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire.

Resolution No 21-117: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on December 7, 2021 to give an update on the status of this property.

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
ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte
ABSTAINED: None

- g. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-118)** on the state of buildings located at 811 Edna Street (District 5), per Resolution 21-67, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021.

Motion to open public hearing by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

Public Comment: None

Resolution No 21-118: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) shall be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on December 7, 2021 to give an update on the status of this property.

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
ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte
ABSTAINED: None

- h. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 21-119)** on the state of buildings located at 720 Hebert Street (District 2), per Resolution 21-68, as noticed and advertised on September 22, 2021:

Motion to open public hearing by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire.

Public Comment: None

Motion to close public hearing by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

Resolution No 21-119: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) 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 David Broussard.

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

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.
- b) Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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.

12. UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:42

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