

**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, FEBRUARY 15, 2022 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, February 15, 2022, 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: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. David Broussard was absent. Also present was the City Clerk, Erin Romero and Jeff Simon, City Attorney. Erin 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. Deedy Johnson-Reid led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of February 1, 2022, which will publish on February 16, 2022

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard

ABSTAINED: None

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Chandler Staples addressed the Council and gave an update on drainage and sidewalk projects.
- b. Willie Bergeron, Marianna Addy, Gary Guidroz from Cleco addressed the Council regarding the Power Wise Program and other programs to assist those impacted with high utility bills.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 22-23:** Endorsing the application of New School Days Apartments, LLC for the restoration tax program.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard

ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Resolution 22-24:** Rejecting bids for Sewer System Improvements – Basin D (LCDBG FY 2021)

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Broussard

ABSTAINED: None

- c. **Resolution 22-25:** Declaring that redistricting of the City Council Districts must commence to adjust the district populations to be within a 10% deviation of the ideal population size.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

- d. **Resolution 22-26:** Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of New Iberia and architect Paul Allain for the professional services on the Pepperplex Renovations Project.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- e. **Resolution 22-27:** Accepting Change Order No. 4 for the Re-roofing of the 911 Facility and Sliman Theatre Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- f. **Resolution 22-28:** Accepting a certificate of substantial completion for the Re-roofing of 911 Facility and Sliman Theatre Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid.

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

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-05:** Amending the budget to reflect changes in grant funding and various projects for the City of New Iberia and to set for public hearing on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

a. The Mayor gave project updates on the following:

- Bayou Teche Museum (Phase 2) Doc Voorhies Wing & George Rodrigue Park
- Visitor's Pavilion
- New Iberia Trailhead (Canoe and Kayak Dock)

b. From the Ordinance Committee:

- A draft of the Smokefree Air Act was presented for Council review and discussed.

7. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 2, 2022.**
- 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.

9. **ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.**

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