

**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, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 2021, 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: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. 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. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of September 7, 2021 as published on September 24, 2021.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Thomas Falgout from Iberia Chamber of Commerce addressed the council with regards to the 2021 Gumbo Cookoff.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 21-102:** Authorizing submittal of ARPA Water Sector Program Grant Application, approving local match, and entering into Agreements associated with engineering services.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

- b. **Resolution 21-103:** Awarding contract to JC Construction, LLC for the installation and integration of an emergency standby generator at Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

- c. **Resolution 21-104:** Approving letter to DOTD with regards to LA. 87 823-46 LM 0.426 Waffle House and authorizing the mayor to sign any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

- d. **Resolution 21-105:** Approving the 2021-2022 Capital Outlay Project Priority List.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION to include Cyr Gates Sprinkler System to Capital Outlay Priority List 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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

VOTE ON AMENDED RESOLUTION 21-105:

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

- e. **Resolution 21-106:** Approving priority list for City of New Iberia Streets Project and authorizing Berard, Habetz, and Associates to generate bid packages in accordance with State Bid Laws.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of 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 and to set for public hearing on October 5, 2021.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Jimmy Landry presented dilapidated and dangerous condition of properties at the following locations:

1. 295 Camelia Street (District 5)
2. 321 E. Dale Street (District 5)
3. 408 Dale Street (District 2)
4. 801 Francis Street (District 5)
5. 1355 Julia Street (District 3)
6. 630 Mississippi Street (District 2)
7. 801 School Street (District 5)
8. 1103 Spencer Loop (District 2)
9. 1214 St Jude Street (District 2)
10. 610 W. Washington Street (District 5)

7. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.
- b) DOTD will host an “Open House” meeting on September 23, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the Sliman Theatre, 129 E. Main Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 to discuss DOTD’s intention to close the railroad crossings at Providence Street and Caroline Street on the BNSF mainline to vehicular traffic.
- 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.

10. **UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:40**

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