

**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, MAY 21, 2024 AT 5:32 PM.**

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, May 21, 2024, at Five Thirty-Two (5:32) p.m., (Central Standard Time). Present were the Mayor, Freddie DeCourt, as well as the following members of the New Iberia City Council, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Dean Wattigny, as Legal Counsel for the city, and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council members Brooke Marcotte and David Broussard and City Attorney Jeff Simon were 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. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON):

NONE

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of May 7, 2024, which were published on May 22, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Brad Kolder with Kolder, Slaven, and Company presented the financial report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2023.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-14:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 to contract for emergency and non-emergency services for the City of New Iberia

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

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-15:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-20:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect funds received from the Drug Enforcement Agency

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis
Public comment: None
Motion to close Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-21:** An Ordinance amending the budget to adjust for the lowest bid on the City Park Trail Lighting Upgrades Project

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin
Public comment: NONE
Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-22:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect transfer for the Wastewater Headworks and Pepperplex Road projects

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis
Public comment: None
Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-52:** A Resolution accepting the financial report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2023, as presented by Kolder, Slaven, and Company

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-53:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Project (Phase II) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-54:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Project (Phase II) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-55:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Drainage Cleanout” (Area A) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-56:** A Resolution awarding contract to Minvielle Lumber Company Inc. for the Ann Street Park Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-22-03) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith, all contingent on approval from the Office of Facility Planning & Control

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-57:** A Resolution awarding contract to Dixie Electric for the Pepperplex Field Lighting Upgrades Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- g. **Resolution No. 24-58:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and South Louisiana Community College related to the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Partnership with Technical College for Sectoral Job Training”

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- h. **Resolution No. 24-59:** A Resolution declining to accept a grant from the Louisiana Water Sector Program due to the requirement of raising sewer user fees

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- i. **Resolution No. 24-60:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate the maintenance agreement including mowing and litter pickup with the Department of Transportation and Development for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-16:** An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2023-04 and further correcting and amending Sections 2 and 8-01 of the City of New Iberia Charter relative to election districts and setting for public hearing on June 4, 2024.

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-17:** An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2024-10 and further levying millages on the 2024 tax roll on property subject to taxation by the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on June 4, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-23:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect the Center Street Sidewalk Project and setting for public hearing on June 4, 2024.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-24:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Change Order No. 1 for the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Improvements Project (Phase II) and setting for public hearing on June 4, 2024.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a.** Kevin Zerangue presented the monthly budget-to-actual report for November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.** The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on June 4, 2024.
- 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.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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