

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE NEW IBERIA CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, AT 5:31 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 December 28, 2023 at Five-Thirty One (5:31) 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, and Deidre Ledbetter. The office of District 6 Councilman was vacant. Also present were Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk and Dean Wattigny, acting as Legal Counsel for the City of New Iberia. Council member Deedy Johnson-Reid was 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. Council member Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

2. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-198:** A Resolution appointing one member to the New Iberia City Council, representing District 6, until a Special Election can be held on November 5, 2024 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Dustin Suire, who resigned from this position effective December 20, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, and seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Dan Doerle be appointed to this position:

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid
VACANT: District 6

At this time, a motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis that newly appointed interim council member be sworn in at this time.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid
VACANT: District 6

3. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- a. Dan Doerle was sworn in by Attorney Dean Wattigny.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- b. **Resolution No. 23-199:** A Resolution authorizing the reduction of fines for violations of the ASE and/or AST Systems and further authorizing the difference of said fines owed to Blue Line Solutions, LLC based on current rates to be paid from the City of New Iberia's proceeds from violations for the month of January until the fines are formally reduced via Ordinance No. 2023-36.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, and seconded by David Brossard:

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

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2023-36:** An Ordinance amending section 86-102 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia related to civil penalties for violations of the ASE and/or AST Systems and setting for public hearing on January 16, 2024.

Motion by David Broussard, and seconded by Marlon Lewis:

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

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.** The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on January 3, 2024.
- a.** Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.
- b. 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.

- 7. ADJOURN:** Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

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