

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, MARCH 19, 2024 AT 5:31 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, March 19, 2024, 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard (exited at 6:49), Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member Brooke Marcotte 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. Deedy Johnson-Reid 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 March 5, 2024, which was published on March 20, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON UPCOMING DRAINAGE PROJECT:

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

Public comment:

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

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dan Doerle, to proceed with work related to the American Rescue Plan Project entitled “Drainage Cleanout” and address the concerns made during the public hearing.

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

Motion Adopted.

4. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

- a. Ellen Mullen addressed the council regarding the Books Along the Teche Literary Festival.

5. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-05:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Fusus Unified Intelligence Platform for use and access to Fusus products and services

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

Public comment: NONE

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

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-06:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Service Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and iWorQ Systems, Inc. for the use of iWorQ applications and services

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-17:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect collection and apportionment of registration and sponsorship for Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Conference

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

Public comment: NONE

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

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-31:** A Resolution to adopt the required CDBG-DR program policies and procedures; acknowledges CDBG-DR program funds to be administered in accordance with OCD grantee administrative manual; appoint various coordinators/officers; authorize individuals to execute the request for payment and authorize execute of documents

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-32:** A Resolution appointing one member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the remainder of a seven-year term to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Rosalind Garrett

A motion was made by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Resolution No. 24-32 be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis, to appoint Delores Raymond to fill the vacancy of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Brooke Marcotte

Motion Adopted.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-07:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 14-3 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances relative to the composition of the Dangerous Animal Committee and setting for public hearing on April 2, 2024.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-08:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on April 2, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

8. FINANCE REPORT:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actual report for November 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024.

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on April 2, 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.

11. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:51 PM

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