

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, JUNE 18, 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, June 18, 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, Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk.

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):

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of June 4, 2024, which were published on June 12, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

3. PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO FY 2025 LCDBG “MAKE A DIFFERENCE” GRANT:

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: None

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

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-19:** An Ordinance authoring the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District related to the construction of a new crime lab

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd David Broussard

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd David Broussard

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-66:** A Resolution appointing Claire “Babette” Lastrapes as City Treasurer for the City of New Iberia, effective immediately

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by David Broussard

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

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-67:** A Resolution authorizing signatures for bank authorization cards and any other financial matters

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-68:** A Resolution designating “The Daily Iberian” as the Official Journal for the City of New Iberia for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by David Broussard

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-69:** A Resolution awarding contract to EnviroAire for the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program Environmental Review and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-70:** A Resolution awarding contract to Southern Constructors, LLC. for the Center Street sidewalks project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-71:** A Resolution adopting an updated Five-Year Plan and Administrative Plan for the Section 8 – Housing Choice Voucher Program

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

- g. Resolution No. 24-72:** A Resolution authorizing the implementation of fines and penalties related to the Pelican Waste & Debris, LLC contract

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

6. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a.** Babette Lastrapes presented the monthly Budget-to-Actual Report for November 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a.** Matt Gulotta discussed dilapidated and dangerous condition of properties at the following locations:
- i.** 704 Ann Street
 - ii.** 111 Buena Vista Drive
 - iii.** 1120 St. Jude Ave
 - iv.** 1737 Jennifer Street
 - v.** 239 Rosier Street
 - vi.** 933 Weeks Street

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.** The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on July 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.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

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