

**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, JULY 5, 2022 @ 5:32 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 July 5, 2022, at Five-Thirty Two (5:32) 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deedy Johnson-Reid. Marlon Lewis, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire were absent. Also present was Jeff Simon, City Attorney, and Erin Romero, City Clerk. 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 June 21, 2022, which will publish on July 6, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

3. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 22-144:** Awarding contract to Construction Site Specialties, LLC for the Sewer System Improvements – Basin D Project (LCDBG FY 2021 & ARPA) and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- b. **Resolution 22-145:** Approving agreement for professional engineering services with Domingue, Szabo, & Associates for services associated with the American Rescue Plan Project entitled “Electric Valve Actuator Upgrades” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- c. **Resolution 22-146:** Approving contract for professional services with Architect, Paul Allain for services associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Bank Avenue Park Improvements and Additions” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by David Broussard

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

- d. **Resolution 22-147:** Approving contract for professional services with Architect, Paul Allain for services associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Hopkins Street Gateway” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- e. **Resolution 22-148:** Approving contract for professional services with Architect, Paul Allain for services associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “City Park Improvements” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- f. **Resolution 22-149:** Approving contract for professional services with Architect, Paul Allain for services associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Upgrades to Steamboat Pavilion” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- g. **Resolution 22-150:** Approving contract for professional services with Architect, Paul Allain for services associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “West End Park Community Center Space Improvements for Boys and Girls Club” 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deedy Johnson-Reid
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Marlon Lewis, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire
ABSTAINED: None

- h. **Resolution 22-151:** Approving contract for professional services with Architect, Paul Allain for services associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “West End Park Improvements” and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

4. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. **Resolution 22-152:** Declaring that the buildings and/or structures at address 809 Edna Street (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting a public hearing on August 16, 2022.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- b. **Resolution 22-153:** Declaring that the buildings and/or structures at address 808 Lombard Street (District 2) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting a public hearing on August 16, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- c. **Resolution 22-154:** Declaring the buildings and structures located at 318 Weeks Street (District 5) shall be repaired to conform to the building code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘re-visit’ on August 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of remediations to this property.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

5. COUNCIL REMARKS:

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022.

- 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.

7. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

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