

**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, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 5:30 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, November 21, 2023, at Five Thirty (5:30) 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 (exited the meeting at 7:00 p.m.), Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire. 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. Marlon Lewis led the prayer and pledge.

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

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Regular meeting of November 7, 2023, which was published on November 14, 2023.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion adopted.**

**3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:**

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-02:** An Ordinance amending the budget to allocate funds for the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid  
Public comment: None  
Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion adopted.**

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-03:** An Ordinance amending the budget to allocate funds for the Hopkins Street Economic Development Authority

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Gonsoulin  
Public comment: None  
Motion to close Public Hearing: Dustin Suire; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion adopted.**

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-28:** An Ordinance amending the approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 8).

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlon Lewis  
Public comment: None  
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion adopted.**

- d. **Ordinance No. 2023-29:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Berard, Habetz, and Associates for the FY 2024 City of New Iberia Streets Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte  
Public comment: None  
Motion to close Public Hearing: David Broussard; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion adopted.**

- e. **Ordinance No. 2023-30:** An Ordinance granting a franchise, right, and privilege to CLECO POWER LLC (“Company”), its successors and assigns, for a period of 27 years from the date this Ordinance becomes effective for the construction, maintenance and operation of electric utilities, electric generating facilities and/or transmission and distribution systems in, through and across the City of New Iberia, Louisiana (“Municipality”), and for the use of the roads, streets, alleys, ways, and public places, and other public servitudes within said Municipality, in connection therewith, for the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electric current, energy, power and/or service, fixing the terms, considerations and limitations thereof and providing for payment by the Company (its successors and assigns) of a sum equal to four percent (4%) of amounts received by said Company from the sale and/or delivery of electric service at retail for residential and commercial purposes based on residential and commercial net rates (unbundled rates in the event of deregulation) billed for service within the limits of said Municipality (exclusive of taxes and all governmental fees and impositions shown on such bills), as said limits may now or hereafter lawfully exist, and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Gonsoulin  
Public comment:  
Motion to close Public Hearing: Dustin Suire; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Gonsoulin

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion adopted.**

- f. **Ordinance No. 2023-31:** An Ordinance authorizing the City of New Iberia to enter into an Electric Service Agreement and a Streetlighting Agreement with Cleco Power LLC

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte  
Public comment: None  
Motion to close Public Hearing: Dustin Suire; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion adopted.**

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-177:** A Resolution granting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2023-2024 Local Government Assistance Program

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by David Broussard**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Ricky Gonsoulin

**Motion adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 23-178:** A Resolution awarding contract to CO-D Construction of LA, LLC for the Sewer System Improvements Project 2023 (FP&C No. 50-ML1-20-01) and approving Change Order No. 1 and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith, all contingent on approval from the Office of Facility Planning and Control.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Ricky Gonsoulin

**Motion adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 23-179:** A Resolution approving Capital Outlay Funding for Pepperplex Improvements Planning and Construction Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-23-01) and designating Jane Braud to act on behalf of the City of New Iberia in all matters pertaining to this project, as well as authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any and all contracts or documentation in connection therewith

**Motion Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion adopted.**

- d. **Resolution No. 23-180:** A Resolution approving Administrative Change Order No. 2. for the City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

- e. **Resolution No. 23-181:** A Resolution approving Administrative Change Order No. 3 for the City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

- f. **Resolution No. 23-182:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Improvements 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, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

**5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:**

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-04:** An Ordinance amending the budget to actual appropriation remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds in the budget and setting for Public Hearing on December 5, 2023.

**Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

- b. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-05:** An Ordinance amending the budget to account for salary and benefits of Pepperplex Maintenance Foreman position and setting for Public Hearing on December 5, 2023.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

- c. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-06:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect cost of Crack Sealing Project and Pavement Marking Project and setting for Public Hearing on December 5, 2023.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

- d. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-07:** An Ordinance amending the budget to allocate funds for purchase of equipment for street repairs and setting for Public Hearing on December 5, 2023.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

- e. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-08:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover 2023 remaining donated veterans funds and setting for Public Hearing on December 5, 2023.

**Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

- f. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-09:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover 2023 funds for narcotic investigative tools and setting for Public Hearing on December 5, 2023.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

**YEAS:** Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING:** Brooke Marcotte

**Motion adopted.**

**6. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- a. **Resolution 23-183:** A Resolution approving a site plan for the demolition of the old Voorhies Supply located at 401 West Saint Peter Street and new construction of a 10,640 sq. ft. Dollar General Store

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Dustin Suire**

**YEAS: Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter,  
Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
**ABSENT AT VOTING: Brooke Marcotte**

**Motion adopted.**

**7. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on December 5, 2023.
- a. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at [www.cityofnewiberia.com](http://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](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

**9. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:33 P.M.

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