

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, DECEMBER 17, 2024 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, December 17, 2024, at Five Thirty-One (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, 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. Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

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

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of December 3, 2024, which were published on December 7, 2024.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. David Broussard presented correspondence from the La. Department of Transportation regarding the closure of the Caroline Street railroad crossing.
- b. Deedy Johnson-Reid provided an update on Act 718 of the 2024 Legislative Session.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-03:** An Ordinance amending the budget to replace New Iberia Police Department radios & purchase two additional vehicles

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Brooke Marcotte
Public comment: NONE.
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-04:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover funds for the Acadiana Crime Lab

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid
Public comment: NONE.
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2024-33:** An Ordinance awarding contract to Ultimate Technologies for the Crime Camera Infrastructure Project (Phase II) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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 Brooke Marcotte, 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.

- d. **Ordinance No. 2024-34:** An Ordinance awarding contract to Motorola Solutions for equipment and communications services for the New Iberia Police Department and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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. 24-158:** A Resolution accepting the resignation of Warren White as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, effective December 31, 2024.

Motion Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-159:** A Resolution awarding contract to Raba Kistner, Inc. for concrete testing for the FY 2024 City of New Iberia Concrete Repair Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dan Doerle, 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.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-160:** A Resolution awarding contract to Louisiana Testing & Inspection for concrete testing for the FY 2024 City of New Iberia the Asphalt Patch and Overlay Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion Deedy Johnson-Reid, second 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.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-161:** A Resolution awarding contract to Del-Con, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Centers & Bank Avenue Park Restroom Upgrades Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-162:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a contract with Paul J. Allain, Architect for Professional Services related to Phase 2 of the Community Project Development Studies Project

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.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-163:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the Ann Street Park (FP&C No. 50-ML1-22-03) 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, 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. 24-164:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of New Iberia and Architect Paul Allain for Professional Services for the Pepperplex Improvements Project-Phase II (FP&C No. 50-ML1-23-01)

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.

- h. Resolution No. 24-165:** A Resolution awarding contract to Iberia Aggregates and Construction, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act Major Drainage Cleanout Project (Area D) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dan Doerle, 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.

- i. Resolution No. 24-166:** A Resolution authorizing and directing the mayor and/or his staff to complete and execute the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for and on behalf of the City of New Iberia

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.

- j. Resolution No. 24-167:** A Resolution awarding contract to EnviroAire, Inc. for environmental testing of structures in the American Resue Plan Act “One Block at a Time 2: Blighted Property” Project 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

- k. Resolution No. 24-168:** A Resolution awarding contract to L&K Demolition, LLC for demolitions of structures in the American Resue Plan Act “One Block at a Time 2: Blighted Property” Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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.

- 1. Resolution No. 24-169:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Sucrose Drive Headworks Upgrade and Rehabilitation Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any documentation in connection therewith

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.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-05:** An Ordinance amending the budget for the replacement of the evaporator coil at City Park and setting for public hearing on January 7, 2025.

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.

- b. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-37:** 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 December 30, 2024.

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.

7. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. Ordinance No. 2024-36:** An Ordinance amending the Appendix A – Zoning, Non-Conforming Uses, Section 4.2 Non-Conforming Uses of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances

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.

8. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a.** Babette Lastrapes presented monthly budget-to-actual reports for November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. The New Iberia City Council had a discussion related to gun violence. (Deedy Johnson-Reid)
- b. The New Iberia City Council had a discussion related to Cleco patrols and street lights. (Deidre Ledbetter)

10. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on **January 7, 2025**.
- 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.

12. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM

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