

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 20, 2023 AT 5:32PM.

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 20, 2023, at five thirty-two (5:32) 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, City Attorney Jeff Simon, and Ms. Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council members Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire were 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. Councilwoman Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of June 6, 2023, which will be published on June 22, 2023.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-16:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 6)

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

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-23 (Amendment #22):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect donation and utilization of funds for Rodrigue Park benches

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

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd David Broussard

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-24 (Amendment #23):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect moving available funds to Pepperplex for purchase and installation of sign

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

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

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-25 (Amendment #24):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect actual contract for Acadian Acres Detention Pond Project

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

Public comment: None

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

4. ORINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-16:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 6)

Motion by: Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-23 (Amendment #22):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect donation and utilization of funds for Rodrigue Park benches

Motion by: David Broussard; seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-24 (Amendment #23):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect moving available funds to Pepperplex for purchase and installation of sign

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-25 (Amendment #24):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect actual contract for Acadian Acres Detention Pond Project

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 23-69:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Plan Project entitled “Purchase/Installation of Oil/Water Separator” and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- b. **Resolution No. 23-70:** Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and sign an agreement between the City of New Iberia and Architect Paul Allain for professional services for the Ann Street Park Project (FP&C# 50-ML1-1-22-03), all contingent on approval from the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

- c. **Resolution No. 23-71:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Civic Center Marina (Phase I) and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- d. **Resolution No. 23-72:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Civic Center Marina (Phase II) and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-73:** Approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Civic Center Marina (CVA) and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- f. **Resolution No. 23-74:** Authorizing mayor Freddie DeCourt to sign the FY 2023 application packet from the State Revolving Loan Fund (Wastewater Facilities) through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the City of New Iberia's Wastewater Department

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

6. **AGENDA EXPANSION**

- a. **Resolution No. 23-92:** Authorizing the mayor to purchase a tandem axle dump truck on behalf of the City of New Iberia Wastewater Department and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

The purpose of this expansion was to authorize the Mayor to purchase a tandem axle dump truck on behalf of the City of New Iberia Waste-Water department.

Motion to expand the agenda made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-26 (Amendment #25):** An Ordinance amending the budget to recognize the awarded LGAP funds and appropriate the use of said funds and setting for Public Hearing on July 5, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

8. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Resolution No. 23-75:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1525 Montagne Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- b. Resolution No. 23-76** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1527 Montagne Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- c. Resolution No. 23-77:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1517 Montagne Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- d. **Resolution No. 23-78:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1521 Montagne Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- e. **Resolution No. 23-79:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1210 Fulton Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- f. **Resolution No. 23-80:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 705 Anderson Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- g. **Resolution No. 23-81:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 704 Courrege Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- h. **Resolution No. 23-82:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 702 Buckeye Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- i. **Resolution No. 23-83:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 814 Field Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

- j. **Resolution No. 23-84:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 816 Field Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by: Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

- k. **Resolution No. 23-85:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 511 Emery Lewis Avenue are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

- l. **Resolution No. 23-86:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1209 Jane Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

- m. **Resolution No. 23-87:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 1205 Field Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

- n. **Resolution No. 23-88:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 415 James Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Deidre Ledbetter

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire

- o. **Resolution No. 23-89:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 707 Courge Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- p. **Resolution No. 23-90:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 644 East Pershing Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

- q. **Resolution No. 23-91:** A Resolution declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) at 812 Jefferson Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further authorizing its inclusion in the FY 2023 LCDBG Clearance Program grant application, contingent upon property owner verification and execution of a demolition agreement with the city of New Iberia.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on July 5, 2023.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at www.cityofnewiberia.com under Public Works section.
- c. **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 to learn more.

11. ADJOURN: Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:31pm.

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