

**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, APRIL 05, 2022, @ 5:30 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 April 5, 2022, at Five-Thirty (5:30) 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present was the City Clerk, Erin Romero and City Attorney, Jeff Simon. Erin 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. Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of March 15, 2022, which will publish on April 8, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-04:** Enlarging the boundaries of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana, and amending the Charter of the City of New Iberia

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Brooke Marcotte
Public comment:
Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

- b. **Public Hearing for Ordinance 2022-05:** Amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City of New Iberia.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis
Public comment:
Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

4. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance 2022-05:** Amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City of New Iberia.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 22-44:** Accepting Change Order No. 4 for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Equalization Basin Levee Repairs Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Resolution 22-45:** Authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for an on behalf of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana an act of acceptance from Southern Constructors, LLC, Contractor, pertaining to the completion of the construction of Tete Bayou WWTP Equalization Basin Levee Repairs Project (2019).

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

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

- c. **Resolution 22-46:** Approving contract for professional services with Domingue, Szabo & Associates for engineering services necessary to complete the American Rescue Plan – Water Sector Program application and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

- d. **Resolution 22-47:** Requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the Fiscal year 2021-2022 Local Government Assistance Program.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

- e. **Resolution 22-48:** Authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for an on behalf of the City of New Iberia, any and all contracts and documents related to “City Park and West End Park Community Centers improvements FP&C No. 50-ML1-20-2,” total project funding budget allocations~Revision No. 2 of 12-16-2021.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

- f. **Resolution 22-49:** Authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute for and on behalf of the City of New Iberia, any and all contracts and documents related to “Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation – AI Number 204948.”

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- g. **Resolution 22-50:** Declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing disposal of surplus items by auction.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- h. **Resolution 22-51:** Declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its disposal.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- i. **Resolution 22-52:** Approving negotiation of cooperative endeavor agreement with Iberia Parish Government for animal control services and animal shelter operations and agreeing on interim price increase.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- j. **Resolution 22-53:** Accepting a partial certificate of substantial completion for Bayou Teche Museum – Phase II Renovations Doc Voorhies Wing and George Rodrigue Park Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- k. **Resolution 22-54:** Acknowledging the special meeting held by the New Iberia City Council on March 29, 2022 for the purposes of redistricting and agreeing to move forward with the plan established therein.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

- l. **Resolution 22-55:** Approving use of financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under Act 119 of the Regular Legislative Session and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No 2022-06:** Levying millages on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of New Iberia and to set for public hearing on April 19, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- b. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-07:** Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ClearGov for budgeting software on behalf of the City of New Iberia and to set for public hearing on April 19, 2022.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-08:** Amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act Funds received by the City of New Iberia (Amendment No. 2) and to set for public hearing on April 19, 2022.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

- d. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2022-09:** Authorizing the Mayor to acquire the former Park Elementary School from the Iberia Parish School Board on behalf of the City of New Iberia as part of the American Rescue Plan Act project entitled “West End Park Improvements and Expansion” and to set for public hearing on April 19, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- e. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-07:** Amending the budget to allocate funding for professional services and to allocate Actuator Replacement Project to ARPA (Amendment No 6) and to set for public hearing on April 19, 2022.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

7. **PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. **Resolution 22-56:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 295 Camelia Street (District 5) are a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Resolution 22-57:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 1524 Crestwell Street (District 3) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

- c. **Resolution 22-58:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 321 E. Dale Street (District 3) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

- d. **Resolution 22-59:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 408 W. Dale Street (District 2) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard.

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

- e. **Resolution 22-60:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 906 Dautreuil Alley (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- f. **Resolution 22-61:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 809 Edna Street (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- g. **Resolution 22-62:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 416 Field Street (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

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

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

- h. **Resolution 22-63:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 801 Francis Street (District 5) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- i. **Resolution 22-64:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 1355 Julia Street (District 3) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- j. **Resolution 22-65:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 808 Lombard Street (District 2) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- k. **Resolution 22-66:** Declaring that the building(s) at address 630 Mississippi Street (District 2) are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and setting date for public hearing on May 3, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

7. COUNCIL REMARKS:

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 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.

9. UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:41 P.M.

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