

**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  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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, February 6, 2024, 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, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member Deedy Johnson-Reid was 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. Brooke Marcotte led the prayer and pledge.

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

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Regular meeting of January 16, 2024, which will be published on February 10, 2024.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- a. David Merrill announced his candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, District 4.

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

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-13:** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over unused American Rescue Plan Act engineering funds

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> Marlon Lewis

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-14:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carry forward the remaining budget for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay and Concrete Repair Projects

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlon Lewis

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-15:** An Ordinance amending the budget to roll over unused ACT 170 funds

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

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-16:** An Ordinance amending the budget for funds related to Change Order No. 2 for the West End Park Air Conditioning Upgrades Project

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deidre Ledbetter  
Public comment: None  
Motion to close Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

## **5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-14:** A resolution declaring the intention of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana to proceed with a financing in an amount not to exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000) for the purpose of financing any costs associated with the constructing and improving of public roads and streets in the City; authorizing an application to the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority and the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters with respect thereto.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 24-06:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Sucre Drive Backflow Preventor Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**NOTE:** Postponed at January 16, 2024 New Iberia City Council meeting.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-15:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the FY 2021 LCDBG Basin D Sewer System Improvements Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- d. **Resolution No. 24-16:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and McKinley James pertaining to the development of a process for adjudicated properties

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- e. **Resolution No. 24-17:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Act Project entitled “West End Park Expansion” and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- f. **Resolution No. 24-18:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a proposal from Architect Paul Allain related to the Act 397 projects

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- g. **Resolution No. 24-19:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation relating to the disbursement of funds for the Teen Court Program

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- h. Resolution No. 24-20:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Thor Guard, LLC for the purchase of a lighting prediction system for the Pepperplex.

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

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- i. Resolution No. 24-13:** A Resolution choosing a course of action related to certain railroad crossing closures by choosing from the following options:  
(1) Allow DOTD to proceed with the closure of the Caroline Street railroad crossing; or  
(2) Proceed with the process to authorize the closure of the Deare Street railroad crossing (**NOTE:** The City of New Iberia does not have funds in the budget to facilitate the cost of this closure)

**NOTE (2):** No action taken at January 16, 2024 New Iberia City Council meeting.

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard, that Resolution No. 24-13 be discussed at this time.**

**A motion was made by Deidre Ledbetter that a Resolution authorizing the City of New Iberia shall proceed with the process to authorize the closure of the Deare Street railroad crossing.**

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard that a Resolution allowing the LA. Department of Transportation to proceed with the closure of the Caroline Street Railroad Crossing be adopted at this time.**

**YEAS:** David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Dan Doerle, and Freddie DeCourt (vote cast in accordance with Section 2-09(F) of the City of New Iberia Home Rule Charter)  
**NAYS:** Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, and Deidre Ledbetter  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE.  
**ABSENT:** Deedy Johnson-Reid

**Motion Adopted.**

**6. FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the budget-to-actual report for November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023.

**7. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on February 20, 2024.
- b. 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.
- 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.

9. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM

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