

**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, MARCH 18, 2025 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, March 18, 2025, 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, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, 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. Ron Davis led the prayer and pledge.

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

NONE.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Regular meeting of March 5, 2025, which will be published on March 19, 2025.

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

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin,  
David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**Motion adopted.**

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

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-05:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the City Hall HVAC system

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Merrill; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Warren White

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ron Davis**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin,  
David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2025-06:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Controls Investment Service Agreement with Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the City Hall HVAC system

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Davis

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Warren White; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Davis

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

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin,  
David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-12:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funding related to additional Teche Haven Subdivision access

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2<sup>nd</sup> Troy Comeaux

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Warren White

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Troy Comeaux**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-13:** An Ordinance amending the budget to appropriate funding for the Lil' Brooklyn Park Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-22-04)

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2<sup>nd</sup> David Merrill

Public comment: NONE.

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

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ron Davis**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-14:** An Ordinance amending the budget for the Sucrose Drive Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Upgrade and Rehabilitation Project

Motion to open Public Hearing: Troy Comeaux; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Gonsoulin

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Troy Comeaux; 2<sup>nd</sup> Warren White

**Motion by Troy Comeaux, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**Motion adopted.**

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 25-29:** A Resolution declaring certain City of New Iberia vehicles as surplus property and further authorizing the sale of same, at a cost not less than \$100.00 in accordance with state law

**Motion by Ron Davis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- b. **Resolution No. 25-30:** A Resolution awarding contract to E&L Construction Group, LLC for the Lil' Brooklyn Park Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-22-04) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith, all contingent upon approval from the Governor's Office of Facility Planning & Control

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Warren White**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 25-31:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Statewide Electrical Services, LLC related to belt press operations at the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Ron Davis**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- d. **Resolution No. 25-32:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Domingue, Szabo, & Associates, LLC related to the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant Project (Water Sector 1)

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

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- e. **Resolution No. 25-33:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness related to a Cyber Readiness Assessment

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

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion adopted.**

- f. **Resolution No. 25-34:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement to retain Dean Wattigny to advise the city in planning, zoning, subdivision and other land use matters in which the City Attorney has a conflict of interest

**Motion Troy Comeaux, seconded by Dan Doerle**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion adopted.**

**5. PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- a. **Resolution No. 25-35:** A Resolution granting a width variance from 50' to 30' on an access entry into a proposed commercial development from Queen City Boulevard

**Motion by Troy Comeaux, seconded by Warren White**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion adopted.**

**6. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. Discussion and Action related to 626 E. St. Peter Street (District 5) (**Resolution No. 25-36**)

**A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Ron Davis, that a Resolution authorizing the mayor to proceed with the execution of agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the property owner of 626 E. St. Peter Street (District 5) related to a schedule of repairs to be made to the property be adopted at this time.**

**YEAS:** Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, Ricky Gonsoulin, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle  
**NAYS:** NONE  
**ABSTAIN:** NONE  
**ABSENT:** NONE

**Motion adopted.**

**7. FIANNCE REPORTS:**

- a. Babette Lastrapes presented monthly budget to actual report for November 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025.

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. The New Iberia City Council held a discussion about potential future traffic signal at South Lewis Street & Twenty Arpent Road. (David Merrill)

**9. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on April 1, 2025.
- 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](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

**11. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:27 PM

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