

**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, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 at 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 Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 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 Attorney, Jeff Simon, and City Clerk, Erin Romero. 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. Dustin Suire led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of October 19, 2021, as published on November 5, 2021.

**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

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

- a. Mike Francis, Public Service Commissioner, to address the Council regarding utility rate increases.
- b. Ellen Mullen & Zack Mitchell to address the Council and advise that Immaculee Ilibagiza will be speaking at West End Park on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. & will also host a retreat on Friday December 10, 2021 from 5:00-9:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 11, 2021, 8:00-12:00.
- c. Stephen Ettiene, James Russell, and Gerald Trahan addressed the Council and discussed National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. **Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-16:** Granting a one-year extension of the franchise granted to Louisiana Water Company by the City of New Iberia by Ordinance No. 2001-591.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlon Lewis

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deedy Johnson-Reid

- b. **Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-17:** Authorizing a one-year extension of the water Service Agreement between Louisiana Water Company and City of New Iberia.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deidre Ledbetter

- c. **Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2021-18:** Authorizing the City of New Iberia, through the office of the Mayor, to purchase and or expropriate Parcel No. 0504824000, 1-45 x 90 Coleman, Bowman, Ferguson. Ferguson, under and in accordance with La R.S. 47:2236.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke Marcotte

## 5. **ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:**

- a. **Ordinance No. 2021-16:** Granting a one-year extension of the franchise granted to Louisiana Water Company by the City of New Iberia by Ordinance No. 2001-591.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2021-17:** Authorizing a one-year extension of the water Service Agreement between Louisiana Water Company and City of New Iberia.

**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

- c. **Ordinance No. 2021-18:** Authorizing the City of New Iberia, through the office of the Mayor, to purchase and or expropriate Parcel No. 0504824000, 1-45 x 90 Coleman, Bowman, Ferguson. Ferguson, under and in accordance with La R.S. 47:2236.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, 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

## 6. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution 21-137:** Authorizing New Iberia (Herein referred to as this “Governmental Unit”) to join with the State of Louisiana and other local governmental units as a participant in the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) and any subsequent formal agreements necessary to implement the MOU, including but not limited to, the subdivision settlement participation form(s) in Exhibit K of the *Distributor Settlement Agreement* and the *Janssen Settlement Agreement*.

**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

- b. **Resolution 21-138:** Approving traffic safety signs urging drivers to stop giving to people in the roadways and authorizing the mayor to place signage on various roadways around the City of New Iberia.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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. **Resolution 21-139:** Approving signage urging citizens to stop littering and authorizing the Mayor to post signage on various roadways around the City of New Iberia.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, 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. **Resolution 21-140:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of New Iberia and Berard, Habetz, and Associates, Inc. for design and engineering services on the Lewis Street Mill and Overlay Project.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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. **Resolution 21-141:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of New Iberia and Braun Intertec for professional geotechnical services associated with the asphalt overlay portion of the City of New Iberia Streets Project.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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

- f. **Resolution 142:** Approving Change Order No. 3 in the Re-roofing of the 911 Facility and Sliman Theatre Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and 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 Dustin Suire

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAINED: None

**7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-02:** Amending the budget to account for additional one percent general increase for all City employees (Amendment #1) and to set for public hearing on November 16, 2021.

**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. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2021-2022-03:** Amending the budget to account for donation of funds to be used at Acadian Ball Park (Amendment #2) and to set for public hearing on November 16, 2021.

**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

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance 2021-19:** Approving a lease contract between the City of New Iberia and Teche Area Youth Baseball Association Inc. for use of Acadian Ball Park and to set for public hearing on November 16, 2021.

**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

**8. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. Jimmy Landry presented dilapidated and dangerous condition of properties at the following locations:

1. 1524 Crestwell (District 3)
2. Dautreuil Alley (District 5)
3. 416 Field Street (District 5)
4. 808 Lombard Street (District 2)
5. 317 W. Pershing Street (District 5)
6. 608 Providence Street (District 5)
7. 713 Providence Street (District 5)
8. 1516 Rogers Street (District 3)

9. 510 W. St Peter Street (District 5)

10. 705 Walton Street (District 5)

**9. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.
- 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) **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. UNANIMOUS MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:54**

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