

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, NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AT 5:31 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, November 19, 2024, at Five Thirty-One (5:31) 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, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member David Broussard 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. Ricky Gonsoulin 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 November 6, 2024, which will be published on November 20, 2024.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-29:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 86-116 of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances related to school zone enforcement times

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

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-147:** A Resolution announcing the dates of the regular meetings of the New Iberia City Council to be held in 2025.

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-148:** A Resolution awarding contract to Judice Site Contractors for the Love’s Travel Stop Sewer Utility Extension Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-149:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Center Street Sidewalks Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-150:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Ann Street Park Project (FP&C Project No. 50-ML1-22-03) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-151:** A Resolution declaring the attached list of properties to be in a dangerous and dilapidated condition, authorizing their inclusion in the American Rescue Plan Act – One Block at a Time 2: Blighted Property Project and further authorizing the mayor to execute agreements with property owners in connection therewith, contingent upon clean title search

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- f. **Resolution No. 24-152:** A Resolution authorizing the publication of notice of the filing of a petition for annexation filed by Edward A. Lasalle, et als, for annexation of an approximately 13.18-acre tract located in Sec. 21 and 22, T-12-S, R-7-E

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: David Broussard

Motion Adopted.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-31:** An Ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana and amending the Charter of the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on December 3, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-32:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on December 3, 2024.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-02:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect carryovers from FY 2023-2024 and setting for public hearing on December 3, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

6. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-153:** A Resolution granting preliminary/final subdivision approval of a 48.65-acre residential subdivision development called “Teche Haven” located along Parkview Dr./Old Jeanerette Road, contingent upon the annexation that portion of the 48.65-acre tract not now located within the corporate limits of the City of New Iberia, all as recommended by the New Iberia Planning & Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Resolution No. 24-153 be adopted.

A substitute motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Resolution No. 24-153 be amended to include that ingress/egress access for Teche Haven shall be reviewed prior to final subdivision approval.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: **David Broussard**

Motion Adopted.

- b. Ordinance No. 2024-30:** An Ordinance amending General Ordinance No. 304 of the City of New Iberia relative to re-zone from O-1 (open land) to R-1 (residential) that 48.65-acre area located in Secs. 21 & 22 T12S, Rr7E (Iberia Assessor parcels 0503123000a and 0402758000) and shown as “Teche Haven,” such zoning change contingent upon the annexation that portion of the 48.65-acre tract not now located within the corporate limits of the City of New Iberia, all as recommended by the New Iberia Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a.** Babette Lastrapes presented the monthly budget to actual report for November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024.

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.** The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on December 3, 2024.
- 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.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

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