

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, JANUARY 3, 2024 AT 5:32 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 Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Five Thirty-Two (5:32) 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, Deedy Johnson-Reid 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. Dustin Suire 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 December 19, 2023, which was published on December 30, 2023.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard

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

Motion adopted.

- b. Special meeting of December 28, 2023, which will be published on January 4, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion adopted.

3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2023-33:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and CSG Forte Payments, Inc. for online payment processing

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

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion adopted.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2023-34:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract for computer service and maintenance by and between the City of New Iberia and Vince Comeaux, LLC

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: None

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion adopted.

- c. **Ordinance No. 2023-35:** An Ordinance amending Sections 86-101 and 86-105 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia relating to electronic traffic enforcement

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis
Public comment: None
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion adopted.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-01:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Bank Street Park Improvements and Additions” and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-02:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled “Bank Street Park Improvements and Additions” and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-03:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the West End Park Air Conditioning Upgrades Project 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 Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-04:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Raba Kistner, Inc. for asphalt core testing for the City of New Iberia Asphalt Overlay Project

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion adopted.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-01:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Sales Agreement and Master Service Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Active Solutions, LLC for the purchase and maintenance of security equipment and setting for public hearing on January 16, 2024.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion adopted.

6. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisit the state of buildings located at 620 East Saint Peter Street (District 5) and Action. **(Resolution No. 24-05)**

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that the New Iberia City Council revisit the state of buildings located at 620 East Saint Peter Street (District 5) and take action.

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter, that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 620 East Saint Peter Street (District 5) have been satisfactorily boarded by the property owner and that no ‘revisit’ is necessary.

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

Motion adopted.

7. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented budget to actual report for November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023.
Note: Postponed from December 19, 2023 meeting.

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on January 16, 2024.
- b. Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM

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