

**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, JUNE 4, 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, June 4, 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, 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. Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

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

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Regular meeting of May 21, 2024, which were published on June 5, 2024.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.**

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

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-16:** An Ordinance declaring certain New Iberia Police Department vehicles as surplus and further authorizing the sale of same to civilians and other law enforcement agencies, at a cost not less than fair market value, in accordance with state law

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

Public comment: NONE

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

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.**

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-17:** An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2023-04 and further correcting and amending Sections 2 and 8-01 of the City of New Iberia Charter relative to election districts

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

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlon Lewis

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.**

- c. **Ordinance No. 2024-18:** An Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2024-10 and further levying millages on the 2024 tax roll on property subject to taxation by the City of New Iberia

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

Public comment: NONE

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

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.**

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-23:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect the Center Street Sidewalk Project

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

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2<sup>nd</sup> David Broussard

**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.**

- e. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-24:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect Change Order No. 1 for the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Improvements Project (Phase II)

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

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2<sup>nd</sup> Deidre Ledbetter

**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.**

**4. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-61:** A Resolution awarding contract to ARL Construction, Inc. for the Cyr Gates Sprinkler System Project (FP&C No. 50- ML1-22-05) and further authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute any and all documentation in connection therewith, all contingent on approval from the Office of Facility Planning & Control

**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.**

- b. **Resolution No. 24-62:** A Resolution requesting that the Iberia Parish Bar Association and the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce submit names of candidates to replace a member of the Municipal Government Employees Civil Service Board who has indicated her intention to resign

**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.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-63:** A Resolution endorsing the renewal of Cane River Pecan Company for the Restoration Tax Abatement Program

**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.**

- d. **Resolution No. 24-64:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to apply for the FY 2025 LCDBG Make A Difference Grant

**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.**

- e. **Resolution No. 24-65:** A Resolution declaring that Juneteenth Day shall be observed on June 19<sup>th</sup> in the City of New Iberia

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

**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. 2024-19:** An Ordinance authoring the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and the Acadiana Criminalistics Laboratory District related to the construction of a new crime lab, and setting for Public Hearing on June 18, 2024

**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.**

**6. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on June 18, 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. **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.

**8. ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

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