

**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, JULY 1, 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, July 1, 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 June 17, 2025, which will be published on July 2, 2025.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Merrill

**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. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Carol Whipp addressed the Council to provide an update on Council on Aging.
b. Phanat Xanamane addressed the Council to discuss low-income housing.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-17:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect additional funds received from LWCC

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Warren White

Public comment: NONE.

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

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 25-68:** A Resolution appointing Wyatt Collins to the Fire & Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term

Motion by Dan Doerle, 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.

- b. **Resolution No. 25-69:** A Resolution appointing Doug Louviere to the Fire & Police Civil Service Board for a three-year term

A motion was made by Troy Comeaux, seconded by David Merrill, that Resolution No. 25-69 be deferred to the July 15, 2025 Iberia City Council Meeting.

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. 25-70:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Centers & Bank Avenue Park Restroom Upgrades Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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. 25-71:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Cyr Gates Sprinkler System Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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.

- e. **Resolution No. 25-72:** A Resolution accepting the Professional Fee Proposal submitted by Paul J. Allain for the City Park Splash Pad Improvements Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Merrill, 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.

- f. **Resolution No. 25-73:** A Resolution rejecting bids for the Pollard Street Sewer Replacement Project

A motion was made by David Merrill, seconded by Ron Davis, that Resolution No. 25-73 be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Dan Doerle, that Resolution No. 25-73 be adopted as amended, as follows:

Resolution No. 73: A Resolution awarding contract to Triumph Construction, LLC for the Pollard Street Sewer Replacement Project and further authorizing the execution of Change Order No. 1 related to this project and finally authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

Motion adopted.

- g. **Resolution No. 25-74:** A Resolution authorizing the increase of the General Engineering Services agreement with Berard Habetz & Associates

Motion by Troy Comeaux, 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.

- h. **Resolution No. 25-75:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the American Rescue Plan Act Major Drainage Cleanout Project (Area C) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Dan Doerle, 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.

- i. **Resolution No. 25-76:** A Resolution awarding contract to Triumph Construction, LLC for the City of New Iberia 2024 Asphalt Overlay Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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.

- j. **Resolution No. 25-77:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Master Professional Services Agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Compliance Envirosystems, LLC for storm drain evaluation services

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.

- k. Resolution No. 25-78:** A Resolution approving proposal submitted by Dean Tekell Consulting for a traffic signal analysis of the intersection of South Lewis Street at Twenty Arpent Road and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Merrill, 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.

- l. Resolution No. 25-79:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Louisiana Hydro Blast Solutions, LLC for drainage maintenance

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

- m. Resolution No. 25-80:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Civic Plus, LLC for a full-service supplementation subscription and related services

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

- n. Resolution No. 25-81:** A Resolution granting authority for the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, to submit application materials to the Department of Environmental Quality and providing for other matters in connection therewith

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by David Merrill

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. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-18:** An Ordinance amending the budget to provide for further drainage improvements, professional services, and a vacall truck and setting for public hearing on July 15, 2025

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.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2025-19:** An Ordinance providing for the levy within the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, effective July 1, 2025, of a 0.25% sales and use tax (the "tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the consumption, the distribution, the storage for use or consumption, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property, and the lease or rental of tangible personal property or digital products within the city, and upon sales of services in the city, and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the tax may be expended, said tax having been authorized at a special election held in the city on March 29, 2025, and setting for public hearing on July 15, 2025

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by David Merrill

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. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on July 15, 2025.
- 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.

9. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.

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