

**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, NOVEMBER 6, 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 Wednesday, November 6, 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 (exited the meeting at 6:15 p.m.), 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. Marlon Lewis 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 October 15, 2024, which will be published on November 9, 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. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

- a. Marcus Boudreaux announced the Veterans Day event taking place in New Iberia on November 11, 2024.
- b. Eddie Palmer designated the City of New Iberia as an official Old Spanish Trail city.

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

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-28:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with the West End Council of Neighborhood Association related to the Neighborhood Investments American Rescue Plan Act Project

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

Public comment: NONE.

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

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution No. 24-134:** A Resolution appointing Thomas Falgout to the New Iberia Parks and Recreation Commission for the remainder of a five-year term

**Motion by Dan Doerle, 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. **Resolution No. 24-135:** A Resolution approving the priority list for the City of New Iberia 2024 Street Improvements Project and authorizing Berard, Habetz, & Associates to generate bid packages in accordance with Louisiana public bid law

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-136:** A Resolution awarding contract to William Emfinger Construction, Inc. for the American Rescue Plan Act City Park Upgrades Project (Phase II) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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. 24-137:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana for the implementation of programming related to the American Rescue Plan Act Anti-Violence Program

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, 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. **Resolution No. 24-138:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to act on behalf of the City of New Iberia in all matters pertaining to State Project No. H.0166226, F.A.P. No. H.016226 LA 3156: LA 482 (W St. Peter Street)-Fulton Street LA 3156 (Iberia Parish) and further authorizing the mayor to sign any and all documents, contracts, and agreements in connection therewith

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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.**

- f. **Resolution No. 24-139:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to act on behalf of the City of New Iberia in all matters pertaining to State Project No. H.016240, F.A.P. No. H.016240 LA 186: LA 182 (Loreauville Road, Iberia Parish) and further authorizing the mayor to sign any and all documents, contracts, and agreements in connection therewith

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- g. **Resolution No. 24-140:** A Resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2024-2025 Local Government Assistance Program

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- h. **Resolution No. 24-141:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the City of New Iberia related to Act 4 of 2024

**Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- i. **Resolution No. 24-142:** A Resolution requesting that the New Iberia Zoning Commission consider extending the replacement time of mobile homes in the City of New Iberia

**A motion was made by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid, that Resolution No. 24-142 be adopted at this time.**

**A substitute motion was made by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter, that Resolution No. 24-142 be amended to request that the New Iberia Zoning Commission extend the replacement time of mobile homes in the City of New Iberia to 12 months with age requirements.**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Resolution No. 24-142 be adopted, as amended.**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- j. **Resolution No. 24-143:** A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith

**Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:**

- 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 and setting for public hearing on November 19, 2024.

A motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that Ordinance No. 2024-29 be amended to reflect that speed limits in school zones shall be set at 25 mph.

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

**Motion Adopted.**

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin that Ordinance No. 2024-29 be introduced for publication at this time, as amended.

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

**Motion Adopted.**

**7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 24-144)** on the state of buildings located at 1120 St. Jude Avenue (District 2), per Resolution 24-124

A motion was made by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by David Broussard, that Resolution No. 24-144 be adopted at this time.

A motion was made by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that the property owner shall have thirty (30) days to demolish and remove the structure at their own expense and further declaring that the city shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1120 St. Jude

Avenue (District 2) and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 – 4766 should the thirty day time frame not be met.

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- b. **Public Hearing and Action (Resolution No. 24-145)** on the state of buildings located at 239 Rosier Street (District 6), per Resolution 24-124

A motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Marlon Lewis, that the property owner shall have 60 days to obtain a demolition permit and proceed with said demolition and further declaring that the city shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1120 St. Jude Avenue (District 2) and the City of New Iberia shall file a Lien and Privilege for the cost of demolishing or removing the buildings or structures against the lot and improvements upon which the building or structure is situated, all as more fully provided by R.S. 33:4761 – 4766 should the sixty day time frame not be met.

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

**Motion Adopted.**

- c. **Resolution No. 24-146:** A Resolution that the Board of Trustees for the City of New Iberia, Louisiana, acknowledge that the buildings or structures located at 1737 Jennifer Street (District 4), have been demolished and the debris cleared from this property.

**Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

**Motion Adopted.**

8. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on November 19, 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.

10. **ADJOURN:**

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM

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