

**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, APRIL 18, 2023, AT 5:32 P.M.**

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 April 18, 2023, at Five-Thirty (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 until 6:46 p.m., Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present, City Clerk, Lanie Kerlegon and City Attorney, Jeff Simon.

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. Council member Deidre Ledbetter led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of April 4, 2023, which will be published on April 20, 2023.
Motion by Marlon Lewis, and seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin:

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

3. PERSONS ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

- a. Thomas Falgout gave an update on the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce.
- b. Catalene Theriot discussed National Crime Victims Week.
- c. Catherine and Dean Wattigny to discussed Mental Health Awareness Month and the Bayou Side Family Fun Run.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-17 (Amendment No. 16):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect funds apportioned to inform the public about millage renewal for road program

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Broussard, 2nd: Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Dustin Suire; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

- b. **Ordinance No. 2023-12:** An Ordinance levying millages on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of New Iberia

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

Public comment: NONE

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

5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Special Ordinance No. 2022-2023-17 (Amendment No. 16):** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect funds apportioned to inform the public about millage renewal for road program

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, and seconded by Dustin Suire:

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- b. **Ordinance No. 2023-12:** An Ordinance levying millages on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of New Iberia

Motion by Dustin Suire, and seconded by Brooke Marcotte:

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

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution No. 23-42:** Declaring the month of April 2023 as “Fair Housing Month” in the City of New Iberia

Motion by Marlon Lewis, and seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reed:

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

- b. Resolution No. 23-43:** Adopting the Citizen Participation Plan in connection with the FY 2023 LCDBG – Slum and Blight Project

Motion by Dustin Suire, and seconded by Marlon Lewis:

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

- c. Resolution No. 23-44:** Approving Change Order No. 3 for the LA Pepperplex Concessions and Restrooms Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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

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

- d. Resolution No. 23-45:** Accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report and setting action to maintain permit requirements

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

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

- e. Resolution No. 23-46:** Appointing Cedra Davenport as Tax Collector for the City of New Iberia

Motion by Marlon Lewis, and seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reed:

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

- f. Resolution No. 23-47:** Appointing Craig Girouard as Director of Wastewater Department for the City of New Iberia

Motion by Dustin Suire, and seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin:

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

AGENDA EXPANSION: The purpose of this expansion is to authorize the mayor to execute the contract before the April 28, 2023 deadline, since the next regularly scheduled meeting of the New Iberia City Council is after that date.

Motion to expand the agenda by Deidre Ledbetter, and seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion to Open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, and seconded by Brooke Marcotte
Public Comment: NONE

Motion to Close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid, and seconded by Dustin Suire

- g. Resolution No. 23-48:** Authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Civic Plus for software to be used by New Iberia Parks and Recreations and the Pepperplex

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, and seconded by Marlon Lewis:

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

7. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. Ordinance No. 2023-13:** An Ordinance amending General Ordinance No. 304 of the City of New Iberia relative to Chapter 40 – Historical Preservation Article I. In General, Sec. 40-2 – Historic Districts Established.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, and seconded by Marlon Lewis:

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

8. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a.** Kevin Zerangue presented the budget to actuals report for November 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

9. COUNCIL REMARKS:

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a.** The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on May 2, 2023.
- 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.

ADJOURN: Unanimous motion to adjourn 6:52pm

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