

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND THE NEW IBERIA CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NEW IBERIA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 @ 5:30 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 June 21, 2022, at Five-Thirty (5:30) p.m., (Central Standard Time). Present was 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 Dustin Suire. Also present was Jeff Simon, City Attorney, and Erin Romero, City Clerk. Ms. Romero advised the Mayor the Council had a quorum.

The City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, was duly convened as the governing authority of 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. David Broussard led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of June 7, 2022, which will publish on June 24, 2022.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Day Dalrymple from Blue Line Solutions, LLC and Chief Todd D'Albor addressed the Council regarding a photo speed enforcement program.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-13:** Approving contract for general engineering services between the City of New Iberia and Domingue, Szabo and Associates and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

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

Public comment:

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-14:** Approving negotiation of cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of New Iberia and the Town of Berwick for use of their town jail to house detainees that cannot be incarcerated in the Iberia Parish Jail and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd David Broussard

Public comment:

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

5. ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2022-13:** Approving contract for general engineering services between the City of New Iberia and Domingue, Szabo and Associates and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard

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

- b. **Ordinance No. 2022-14:** Approving negotiation of cooperative endeavor agreement between the City of New Iberia and the Town of Berwick for use of their town jail to house detainees that cannot be incarcerated in the Iberia Parish Jail and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

6. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 22-130:** Authorizing the Mayor to re-negotiate the maintenance agreement including mowing and litter pick up with the Department of Transportation and Development for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

- b. **Resolution 22-131:** Accepting Change Order No 1 for the New Iberia Historic District Trails Project (Grant No. H.014328) and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts and documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard.

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

- c. **Resolution 22-132:** Approving contract for professional services with Thompson Luke & Associates, LLC for engineering services associated with the replacement of the existing HVAC unit at the NIPD building and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

- d. **Resolution 22-143:** Accepting the Financial Report for Year Ending October 31, 2021 as presented by Kolder Slaven and Co. on June 7, 2022.

Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.

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

7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisit the state of buildings located at 295 Camelia Street (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-133).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and Adel Malahmeh was present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that sufficient repairs have not been made to this property and there has been no permit issued by his office, despite Mr. Malameh receiving a scope of work and cost estimate from Mayor DeCourt. Due to the clean up efforts on the property, Councilwoman Reid made a motion to revisit the status of remediations on August 2, 2022, at which time Mr. Malameh must have obtained a permit and commenced remediations. The motion was seconded by Marlon Lewis. The Council voted and the motion did not pass (Voting summary as follows: BM: Nay; ML: Yea; DB: Yea; RG: Nay; DL: Nay; DJR: Yea; DS: Nay).

Resolution 22-133: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 295 Camelia Street (District 5), 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.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deidre Ledbetter, and Dustin Suire
NAYS: Marlon Lewis, and Deedy Johnson Reid.
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- b. Revisit the state of buildings located at 321 E. Dale Street (District 3) and Action (Resolution 22-134).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and Adel Malahmeh was present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that sufficient repairs have not been made to this property and there has been no permit issued by his office, despite Mr. Malameh received a scope of work and cost estimate from Mayor DeCourt.

Resolution 22-134: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 321 E. Dale Street (District 3), 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.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c. Revisit the state of buildings located at 906 Dautreuil Alley (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-135).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and there was no response. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report that stated the house has been torn down and the property has been cleared, and he is satisfied with the state of the property.

Resolution 22-135: Acknowledging that the buildings and structures located at 906 Dautreuil Alley (District 5) have been demolished and the debris has been cleared.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d. Revisit the state of buildings located at 416 Field Street (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-136).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and no one was present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that sufficient repairs have not been made to this property and recommended proceeding with the demolition of these structures.

Resolution 22-136: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 416 Field Street (District 3), 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.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e. Revisit the state of buildings located at 1355 Julia Street (District 3) and Action (Resolution 22-137).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and Mr. Suey was present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that sufficient repairs have been

made to this property and that the property has been brought satisfactorily up to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia.

Resolution 22-137: Acknowledging that the buildings and structures located at 1355 Julia Street (District 3) have satisfactorily repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia by the property owner.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- f. Revisit the state of buildings located at 317 W. Pershing Street (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-138).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and there was no response. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that the owners have begun the demolition process on this home themselves, but progress seems to have slowed. Councilwoman Reid recommended allowing the homeowners an additional 30 days to complete the demolition of the home, otherwise the City should proceed with demolition.

Resolution 22-138: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 317 W. Pershing Street (District 5) shall be demolished and removed by the property owners within thirty days of the date of this resolution and if the structure has not been demolished in thirty days, the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the same, 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.

Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- g. Revisit the state of buildings located at 608 Providence Street (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-139).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and Bennie Miller was present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that Mr. Miller has demolished the house but the property has not been cleared. Mr. Miller said he will need more time to be able to get the debris cleared.

Resolution 22-139: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 801 School Street (District 5) be demolished and the remnants be cleared by the property owners who shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on August 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of the demolition on this property

Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- h. Revisit the state of buildings located at 801 School Street (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-140).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and Franciel Gatlin was present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that adequate repairs had not been made to this property. Ms. Gatlin advised the Council that she and the family have come to the agreement that the house should be torn down, however, they will need more time to complete the demolition. Ms. Gatlin advised that she resides in Florida so she intends to keep in touch with Mr. Landry as to the status of the demolition by telephone and email rather than physically attending the Council meetings again.

Resolution 22-140: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 801 School Street (District 5) be demolished and the remnants be cleared by the property owners who shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on August 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of the demolition on this property.

Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- i. Revisit the state of buildings located at 1214 St. Jude Avenue (District 2) and Action (Resolution 22-141).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and there was no response. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that the owners started demolishing the house themselves, but one of the owners sustained an injury so progress has slowed. Mr. Landry advised the Council that the owners have been in contact with his office and that he would like to allow them more time to continue demolishing it.

Resolution 22-140: Declaring that the building(s) or structure(s) located at 1214 St. Jude Avenue (District 2) be demolished and the remnants be cleared by the property owners who shall return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on August 2, 2022 to give an update on the status of the demolition on this property.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- j. Revisit the state of buildings located at 510 W. St. Peter Street (District 5) and Action (Resolution 22-142).

The Mayor called aloud for property owners or any other person present to represent this property and no one was present. Building Official Jimmy Landry presented pictures and an inspection report stating that sufficient repairs have not been made

to this property and recommended proceeding with the demolition of these structures.

Resolution 22-142: Declaring that the City shall proceed with the demolition and removal of the building(s) or structure(s) located at 510 W. St. Peter Street (District 5), 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.

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

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

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.
- 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.

10. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

/s/ Erin Romero
Erin Romero, City Clerk
City of New Iberia, Louisiana