

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, DECEMBER 3, 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, December 3, 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, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle. Also in attendance, Jeff Simon, City Attorney and Lanie Kerlegon, City Clerk. Council member Deidre Ledbetter was absent.

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. Deedy Johnson-Reid 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 November 19, 2024, which were published on November 27, 2024.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

3. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-31:** An Ordinance enlarging the boundaries of the City of New Iberia, Louisiana and amending the Charter of the City of New Iberia

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Marlon Lewis
Public comment: NONE.
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Ordinance No. 2024-32:** An Ordinance amending approved budget allocations for American Rescue Plan Act funds received by the City of New Iberia

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid
Public comment: NONE.
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-02**: An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect carryovers from FY 2023-2024

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson-Reid; 2nd Marlon Lewis

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deidre Ledbetter

Motion Adopted.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-154**: A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Berard, Habetz, & Associates for general engineering services

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deidre Ledbetter

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-155**: A Resolution awarding contract to E & L Construction Group, LLC for the American Rescue Plan Act Hopkins Street Gateway Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deidre Ledbetter

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-156**: A Resolution awarding contract to Iberia Aggregates and Construction Materials, LLC 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 Ricky Gonsoulin

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Deidre Ledbetter

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-157**: A Resolution authorizing the mayor to act on behalf of the City of New Iberia in all matters pertaining to State Project No. H.012295, F.A.P. No. H012295, LA 182 New Iberia Sidewalks, Iberia Parish and further authorizing the mayor to sign any and all documents, contracts, and agreements in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Deidre Ledbetter

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-158:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 4 for the American Rescue Plan Act “Upgrades to Steamboat Pavilion” Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-03:** An Ordinance amending the budget to replace New Iberia Police Department radios & purchase two additional vehicles and setting for public hearing on December 17, 2024.

Motion by Dan Doerle, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

Motion Adopted.

- b. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-04:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover funds for the Acadiana Crime Lab and setting for public hearing on December 17, 2024.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- c. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-33:** An Ordinance awarding contract to Ultimate Technologies for the Crime Camera Infrastructure Project (Phase II) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and further setting for public hearing on December 17, 2024.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-34:** An Ordinance awarding contract to Motorola Solutions for equipment and communications services for the New Iberia Police Department and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and further setting for public hearing on December 17, 2024.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

Motion Adopted.

- e. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-35:** An Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 74, Article III of the City of New Iberia Code of Ordinances related to excavations on public property and setting for public hearing on December 17, 2024.

A motion was made by Dan Doerle, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin, that Ordinance No. 2024-35 be introduced for publication at this time.

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte, that the introduction of Ordinance No. 2024-35 be deferred.

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

Motion Adopted.

6. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Matt Gulotta discussed dilapidated and dangerous condition of properties at the following locations:
- i. 1219 Jane Street
 - ii. 713 Tauriac Street
 - iii. 110 Reynolds Street
 - iv. 507 Silver Street
 - v. 202 North Chestnut Street
 - vi. 225 Hortense Street

7. COUNCIL REMARKS:

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on December 17, 2024.
- 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.

9. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

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