

**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, FEBRUARY 18, 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, February 18, 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 Jane Braud, Director of Planning and Zoning.

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. Ricky Gonsoulin 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 February 4, 2025, which will be published on February 19, 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.

3. PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO FY 2026/2027 LCDBG PROJECTS:

- a. Persons to address the council regarding potential FY 2026/2027 LCDBG projects.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Warren White
Public comment: NONE.
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd David Merrill

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-03:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and Minvielle & Associates, LLC for the administration of various grant projects

Motion to open Public Hearing: David Merrill; 2nd Ron Davis
Public comment: NONE.
Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 25-10:** A Resolution awarding contract to Concrete Revolution, LLC for the City Prosecutor Office Remodel Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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.

- b. **Resolution No. 25-11:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 3 for the Ann Street Park Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-22-03) and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ron Davis, 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.

- c. **Resolution No. 25-12:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Ann Street Park Project (FP&C No. 50-ML1-22-03) 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. 25-13:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the AIA B101-2017 Contract for the American Rescue Plan Act Upgrades to Steamboat Pavilion Project

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.

- e. **Resolution No. 25-14:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the AIA B101-2017 Contract for the American Rescue Plan Act Community Centers Restrooms Upgrades Project

Motion Dan Doerle, 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.

- f. **Resolution No. 25-15:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the AIA B101-2017 Contract for the American Rescue Plan Act One Block at a Time 1 - Home Repairs for Seniors, Low Income, and Disabled Communities Project

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.

- g. **Resolution No. 25-16:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute an agreement with Place & Main Advisors, LLC related to economic development studies for the City of New Iberia

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. 25-17:** A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith

NOTE: Renewal for streets and sidewalks

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.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-04:** An Ordinance awarding contract to Turf Tank for the lease of an automated field marking machine and further authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith and setting for public hearing on March 5, 2025

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.

- b. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-09:** An Ordinance amending the budget for donations to the Veterans’ Memorial and setting for public hearing on March 5, 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.

- c. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-10:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover the remaining portion of the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Project (Phase II) and setting for public hearing on March 5, 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.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2024-2025-11:** An Ordinance amending the budget to carryover funding for the Love’s Travel Stop bore for sewer and setting for public hearing on March 5, 2025

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Ron Davis

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: Ricky Gonsoulin

ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

7. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. **Resolution No. 25-18:** A Resolution authorizing the Building Official and City Attorney to meet with the property owner of 626 E. St. Peter Street (District 5) to determine a plan for repair

Motion by Ron Davis, 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.

b. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Babette Lastrapes presented the monthly budget-to-actual report from November 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

c. COUNCIL REMARKS:

d. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on March 5, 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.

e. **ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Ron Davis, that the New Iberia City Council does hereby adjourn at 6:55 pm.

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