

**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 16, 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, April 16, 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, 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. Brooke Marcotte 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 April 2, 2024, which were published on April 10, 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 ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL:

- a. Warren White announced his candidacy for New Iberia City Councilman, representing District 2.
- b. Dean and Catherine Wattigny announced the 2024 Bayou Side Run as well as Mental Health Awareness Month.
- c. Zack Mitchell addressed the council regarding the National Day of Prayer.
- d. Sheriff Tommy Romero discussed the Parishwide Law Enforcement District proposition to be considered by voters on the April 27, 2024 ballot.

4. ORDINANCES FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-10:** An Ordinance levying millages on the 2024 tax roll on property subject to taxation by the City of New Iberia

Motion to open Public Hearing: Brooke Marcotte; 2nd Ricky Gonsoulin

Public comment: NONE

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

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

**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. **Ordinance No. 2024-11:** An Ordinance authorizing the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, to proceed with a not to exceed \$16,000,000 financing through the Louisiana

Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority and providing for other matters with respect thereto

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

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin; 2nd Brooke Marcotte

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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. **Ordinance No. 2024-12:** An Ordinance establishing a procedure for the sale or transfer of ownership of a retired police dog; and repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict therewith

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, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

- d. **Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-18:** An Ordinance amending the budget to facilitate the costs related to Change Order No. 3 for the FY 2021 LCDBG Sewer System Improvements project

Motion to open Public Hearing: Dan Doerle; 2nd Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: NONE

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

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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.

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 24-37:** A Resolution accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report and setting acting to maintain permit requirements

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter, 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.

- b. **Resolution No. 24-38:** A Resolution authorizing the increase of current payment standards for the City of New Iberia Section 8 Program

Motion by David Broussard, 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.

- c. **Resolution No. 24-39:** A Resolution accepting six-month bids for supplies

Motion by David Broussard, 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.

- d. **Resolution No. 24-40:** A Resolution accepting the proposal from Berard, Habetz, and Associates, Inc. for debris monitoring services and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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.

- e. **Resolution No. 24-41:** A resolution authorizing the redemption of certain maturities of the outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters 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 Dan Doerle

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion Adopted.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR PUBLICATION:

- a. **Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2023-2024-19:** An Ordinance amending the budget to reflect funds for K-9 Narcotics Grant and setting for public hearing on May 7, 2024.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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.

7. PLANNING AND ZONING:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2024-13:** An Ordinance authorizing the abandonment of a 10' easement located on a parcel of property owned by Barton & Kelly Romero, located on lot 217 Teal Drive, Squirrel Run Subdivision, Ext. No. 2, all as reviewed and recommended by the New Iberia Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, 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.

8. FINANCE REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented the monthly budget-to-actual report for November 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. A discussion was had regarding performance of Pelicans Waste & Debris, LLC
- b. A discussion was had regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Project entitled "Business Development Grants"

10. COUNCIL REMARKS:

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on May 7, 2024.
- 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.

12. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

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