

**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 1, 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, April 1, 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 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. Dan Doerle 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 March 18, 2025, which were published on March 26, 2025.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Nicole Burke, on behalf of Ellen Mullen, addressed the council regarding the Books Along the Teche Literary Festival
- b. Catalene Theriot discussed National Crime Victims Week.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution No. 25-36:** A Resolution awarding contract to Glenn Lege Construction, LLC for the 2025 City of New Iberia Asphalt Reconstruction Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by David Merrill, 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.

- b. **Resolution No. 25-37:** A Resolution awarding contract to Southern Constructors, LLC for the Pepperplex Access to Queen City Drive Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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. 25-38:** A Resolution approving Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Love's Travel Stop Sewer Utility Extension Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

Motion by Troy Comeaux, seconded by Warren White

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Warren White, Troy Comeaux, David Merrill, Ron Davis, and Dan Doerle
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: Ricky Gonsoulin
ABSENT: NONE

Motion adopted.

- d. **Resolution No. 25-39:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 for the Neighborhood Investments (Downtown Neighborhood Association) American Rescue Act Project and authorizing the mayor to execute any and all documentation in connection therewith

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.

- e. **Resolution No. 25-40:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 1 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 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. 25-41:** A Resolution approving Change Order No. 2 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 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.

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Ordinance No. 2025-07:** An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a lease agreement by and between the City of New Iberia and CopyNet, LLC for the lease of a copy machine for the Public Works Department and setting for public hearing on April 15, 2025

Motion by David Merrill, 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. Ordinance No. 2025-08:** A Resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a Rights-of-Way Use Agreement with Optimum for fiber internet services in the City of New Iberia and setting for public hearing on April 15, 2025

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, 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.

6. COUNCIL REMARKS:

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on April 15, 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.

8. ADJOURN:

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM

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