

**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, JANUARY 19, 2021 at 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 Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at Five-Thirty (5:30) p.m., Louisiana time (Central Standard Time). Present was the Mayor, Freddie DeCourt, Mayor Pro-tempore, Ricky Gonsoulin, as well as the following members of the New Iberia City Council: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire. Also present was the City Attorney, Jeff Simon, and City Clerk, Erin Romero. Ms. Romero advised the Mayor the Council had a quorum.

The City Council of the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, were 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. Brooke Marcotte led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of January 5, 2021 as published on January 17, 2021.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.**

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

**3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:**

Prescott Marshall from Iberia Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to discuss 2020 Iberia Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a. Public hearing on Ordinance 21-01 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for computer service and maintenance between the City of New Iberia and Vince Comeaux, LLC.

Motion to open public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close public hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis

- b. Public hearing on Ordinance 21-02 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a commercial service agreement between the City of New Iberia and Cox Louisiana Telcom, LLC for phone, facsimile, internet, and cable services.

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Motion to open public hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Marlon Lewis

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close public hearing by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

- c. Public hearing on Ordinance 21-03 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of New Iberia and RapidScale, Inc., (A Cox Business Company) for Microsoft Office 365 products, licensing, and services.

Motion to open public hearing by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by David Broussard

Public comment: NONE

Motion to close public hearing by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. Resolution 21-10: A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of New Iberia, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

- b. Resolution 21-11: A resolution in support of the Iberia Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard**

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

- c. Resolution 21-12: A resolution approving the use and accepting the donation of surveillance cameras.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. Introduction of Special Ordinance No. 2020-2021-04: Amending the budget to recognize Facility Planning and Control 2021 Project No. 50ML 1-20-01 & to set for public hearing on February 2, 2021.

**Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. Adoption of Ordinance 21-01 – Authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for computer service and maintenance between the City of New Iberia and Vince Comeaux, LLC.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard**

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

- b. Adoption of Ordinance 21-02 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a commercial service agreement between the City of New Iberia and Cox Louisiana Telcom, LLC for phone, facsimile, internet, and cable services.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by David Broussard**

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

- c. Adoption of Ordinance 21-03 – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of New Iberia and RapidScale, Inc., (A Cox Business Company) for Microsoft Office 365 products, licensing, and services.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte**

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

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Jimmy Landry to discuss dilapidated and dangerous condition of properties at the following locations:
  - 1. 124 Santa Ines (District 1)
  - 2. 515 Daigre Street (District 2)
  - 3. 103 Doris Street (District 3)
  - 4. 1612 Brian (District 4)
  - 5. 136 W. Dale Street (District 5)
  - 6. 238 Johnson Alley (District 6)

**9. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.
- b) Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at [www.cityofnewiberia.com](http://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](http://CivicSource.com) to learn more.

**11. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.**

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Erin Romero, City Clerk  
City of New Iberia, Louisiana.