

**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, APRIL 6, 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, April 6, 2021, at Five-Thirty (5:30) p.m., (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 Pro-tempore 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. Deedy Johnson-Reid led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of March 16, 2021 which will be published on Wednesday, March 30, 2021.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter.**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, and Dustin Suire**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

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

- a. Rene Stansbury addressed the council to discuss Healthy Iberia Coalition's Little Free Pantry Project.
- b. Sarah Dake from Senator John Kennedy's office addressed the council and introduce herself.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. **Proposed Ordinance No. 2021-08:** An ordinance adding Article VI of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia consisting of Sections 22-175 through 22-179, regulating yard sales.

Motion to open Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, second by Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing by Deedy Johnson-Reid, second by Dustin Suire

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution 21-22:** Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of New Iberia and Architect Paul Allain for professional services for the Downtown Visitors Pavilion Conversion Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute all contracts in connection therewith.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

**YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, Ricky Gonsoulin, and Dustin Suire**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

ABSTAINED: None

- b. **Resolution 21-23:** Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of New Iberia and Staples Engineering and Consulting, LLC for professional services on the Jefferson Terrace Drainage Improvements - Phase II Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all contracts in connection therewith.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, second by Deidre Ledbetter.**

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

- c. **Resolution 21-24:** Authorizing submittal of FY 2022-2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Application and entering into agreements associated with administration engineering services.

**Motion by David Broussard, second by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

- d. **Resolution 21-25:** Adopting Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Citizen Participation Plan.

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

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

- e. **Resolution 21-26:** Adopting Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Procurement Policy.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, second by Deedy Johnson-Reid.**

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

- f. **Resolution 21-27:** Accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report and setting action to maintain permit requirements for Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Motion by David Broussard, second by Deedy Johnson-Reid.**

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

- g. **Resolution 21-28:** Accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report and setting action to maintain permit requirements for Highway 14 Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, second by Ricky Gonsoulin.**

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

- h. **Resolution 21-29:** Approving State Fire Marshall Covenant for the Doc Voorhies Wing of the Bayou Teche Museum restricting occupancy until completion of Phase 3 Construction.

**Motion by David Broussard, second by Brooke Marcotte.**

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

- i. **Resolution 21-30:** Designating Hopkins Street as “Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Parkway”

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, second by Deedy Johnson-Reid.**

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

- j. **Resolution 21-31:** Awarding contract to Ricky Smith Audio for the replacement of the sound system in the City Hall Council Chambers and authorizing the Mayor to execute all contracts in connection therewith.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, second by David Broussard.**

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

## **6. PROPERTY STANDARDS:**

- a. Revisit 1517 Adam Street for demolition, per Resolution No. 21-16.  
Motion to open by David Broussard, second by Deedy Johnson Reid.

**Motion to declare the building at address 1517 Adam Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 condemned and ordered demolished or removed by David Broussard, second by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

- b. Revisit 118 Hortense Street for demolition, per Resolution No. 21-18.  
Motion to open by Dustin Suire, second by Deidre Ledbetter

**Motion to declare the building at address 118 Hortense Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 condemned and ordered demolished or removed by the City of New Iberia if the owners have not destroyed it within sixty days by David Broussard, second by Deedy Johnson-Reid**

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

7. **COUNCIL REMARKS:**

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.
- b) Special Election will be held on Saturday April 24, 2021 for tax renewal.
- c) 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.
- d) **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.

9. **ADJOURN:**

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