

**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 5, 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 5, 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 Jane Braud, sitting in for City Clerk, Erin Romero. Ms. Braud 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. Jeff Simon led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of December 15, 2020 as published on December 27, 2020.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded by Dustin Suire.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

3. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- a. Chief Todd D'Albor, Sgt. Roque, Sgt. Rudd, & Sgt Hughes discussed New Iberia Police Department's possible participation in in the EPIC (Ethical Policing Is Courageous) program.

4. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. **Public hearing** on the demolition and removal of property listed on Resolution 20-74, as advertised on December 18, 2020: Property located at address: 1517 Adam Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 3); Parcel No.: 0504684500; Owner's Name & Address: Jeanelle T. Segura, 1517 Adam Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

Motion to open Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard

Public comment: Joan Guilbeau appeared and stated publicly that the home was for her deceased brother and they would like the opportunity to get ownership and correct deficiencies to the home. Jimmy Landry presented list of deficiencies and photos depicting this home in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further outlined specific deficiencies that would need to be repaired should they be able to assume ownership.

Motion to close Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by David Broussard

- 1. **Resolution No. 21-03:** Declaring buildings at address 1517 Adam Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 3) condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION to allow 30 days for the homeowners to come back before the council with a plan of action to make necessary repairs

Motion made by Ricky Gonsoulin and seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

- b. **Public hearing** on the demolition and removal of property listed on Resolution 20-75, as advertised on December 18, 2020: Property located at address: 503 Bayard Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 4); Parcel No.: 0502157500; Owner's Name & Address: Gladys V. Gary, c/o Felicia Windus, 503 Bayard Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

Motion to open Public Hearing by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

Public comment: Felicia Windus appeared and stated that she and the other owners will tear the home down.

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

1. **Resolution No. 21-04:** Declaring building at address 503 Bayard Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 4) condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION to allow 30 days for the homeowners to demolish the home and appear before the council, at which time if the house has not been demolished, the council will decide to demolish.

Motion by Deidre Ledbetter and seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- c. **Public Hearing** on the demolition and removal of property listed on Resolution 20-76, as advertised on December 18, 2020: Property located at address: 520 Caudron Lane, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 4); Parcel No.: 0503738000; Owner's Name & Address: Sit LL, LLC., 1918 Napoleon Ave, New Orleans, LA 70115-000

Motion to open Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment: Jimmy Landry presented list of deficiencies and photos depicting this home in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. (No one appeared to represent this property)

Motion to close Public Hearing by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Dustin Suire

1. **Resolution No. 21-05:** Declaring building at address 520 Caudron Lane, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 4) condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

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

- d. **Public Hearing** on the demolition and removal of property listed on Resolution 20-77, as advertised on December 18, 2020: Property located at address: 118 Hortense Street, New Iberia, 70560 LA (District 6); Parcel No.: 0504286000; Owner's Name & Address: Dorothy Lewis Reedom, c/o Marshall Reedom, Sr., 1618 Necotown Road, New Iberia, LA 70560

Motion to open Public Hearing by Dustin Suire, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: Jimmy Landry presented list of deficiencies and photos depicting this home in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and further outlined specific deficiencies that would need to be repaired. Edmond Stokes appeared and stated that they would like to repair the property. Jimmy will provide a written list of required deficiencies and repairs to homeowner that must be made.

Motion to close Public Hearing by Dustin Suire, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

- 1. **Resolution No. 21-06:** Declaring building at address 118 Hortense Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 6) condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION ordering the property owner to make repairs and appear before the council in 30 days

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

- e. **Public Hearing** on the demolition and removal of property listed on Resolution 20-78, as advertised on December 18, 2020: Property located at address: 809 Mixon Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 2); Parcel No.: 0500361010; Owner's Name & Address: Kevin Berard, 200 E. Lewis Street, Lafayette, LA 70503

Motion to open Public Hearing by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

Public comment: Jimmy Landry presented list of deficiencies and photos depicting this home in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. (No one appeared to represent this property)

Motion to close Public Hearing by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

- 1. **Resolution No. 21-07:** Declaring building at address 809 Mixon Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 2) condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

- f. **Public Hearing** on the demolition and removal of property listed on Resolution 20-79, as advertised on December 18, 2020: Property located at address: 1104 Sis Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 2); Parcel No.: 0500759490; Owner's Name & Address: Andre Fritz Broussard, et al., c/o Clarence A Johnson, Jr., 1104 Sis Street, New Iberia, LA 70560

Motion to open Public Hearing by David Broussard, seconded by Marlon Lewis

Public comment: Jimmy Landry presented list of deficiencies and photos depicting this home in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. (No one appeared to represent this property)

Motion to close Public Hearing by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

1. **Resolution No. 21-08:** Declaring building at address 1104 Sis Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 2) condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

Motion by : Marlon Lewis, Seconded by Dustin Suire

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

- g. **Public Hearing** on the demolition and removal of property listed on Resolution 20-81, as advertised on December 18, 2020: Property located at address: 413 W. Washington Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 & 314 St. Jude Avenue, New Iberia, LA 70560 (District 5); Parcel No.: 0505390000; Owner's Name & Address: Ward, Cammie Upchurch Ross Estate, 132 Tison Road, Carencro, LA 70520

Motion to open Public Hearing by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment: Jimmy Landry presented list of deficiencies and photos depicting this home in a dilapidated and dangerous condition. (No one appeared to represent this property)

Motion to close Public Hearing by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

1. **Resolution No. 21-09:** Declaring building at address 413 W. Washington Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 & 314 St Jude Avenue (District 5) condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

5. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution 21-01: A resolution in support of New Iberia Police Departments participation in the EPIC (Ethical Policing Is Courageous) program.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Dustin Suire

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

- b. Resolution 20-02: A resolution accepting Capital Outlay funding for Facility Planning & Control Project No. 50-ML 1-20-02 New Iberia – City Park & West End Community Centers Improvements and designating Jane Braud to act on behalf of the City of New Iberia in all matters pertaining to this project, as well as authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute any and all contracts or documentation in connection therewith.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

6. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. Introduction 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 and to set for public hearing on January 19, 2021.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded by Marlon Lewis

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

- b. Introduction 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 and to set for public hearing on January 19, 2021.

Motion by: Marlon Lewis, seconded by Ricky Gonsoulin

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

- c. Introduction 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 and to set for public hearing on January 19, 2021.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledbetter

YEAS: Brooke Marcotte, Marlon Lewis, David Broussard, Ricky Gonsoulin,
Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid, 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, January 19, 2021.
- b) Reminder to council and citizens to participate in the MS4 Storm Water Survey at 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 to learn more.

9. **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33 P.M.**

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