

**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 20, 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 20, 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, and Deedy Johnson-Reid. 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:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of April 20, 2021 which will publish on April 21, 2021.

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

3. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Resolution 21-34:** Appointing Jay Garzotto as New Iberia City Marshal to fill vacancy and unexpired term of Haywood “Tony” Miguez.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, second 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. **Resolution 21-35:** Ordering and calling a special election to fill the vacancy of City Marshal, City Court, City of New Iberia, and taking other matters in connection therewith.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, second by Marlon Lewis.

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

- c. **Resolution 21-36:** Awarding Contract to Tilden A Bonin Contractor, Inc. for improvements to the Bank Street Park Basketball Court Pavilion.

Motion by Deedy Johnson-Reid, second 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

- d. **Resolution 21-37:** Endorsing the renewal of the application of Community First Bank for the Restoration Tax Abatement Program.

Motion by David Broussard, second by Ricky Gonsoulin.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dustin Suire

ABSTAINED: None

- e. **Resolution 21-38:** Awarding six-month bids.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dustin Suire

ABSTAINED: None

4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. **Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-10:** Approving the extension of the cooperative endeavor agreements between the City of New Iberia and the New Iberia Museum Foundation and setting a public hearing for May 4, 2021.

Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, second 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

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Council discussed the following future issues for the Ordinance Committee to address:
- i. Dumpsters at commercial storage facilities.
 - ii. Garage sale ordinance.
 - iii. Noise ordinance.
 - iv. Ordinance requiring licenses for mobile businesses.

6. COUNCIL REMARKS:

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 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 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 to learn more.

8. **ADJOURN:**

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