

**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, MARCH 2, 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, March 2, 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 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 Pro Tempore, who then stated that the Governing Authority was ready for the transaction of business. Ricky Gonsoulin led the prayer and pledge.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of February 17, 2021, which will publish on March 5, 2021

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

**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. Monique Boulet and Sara Gary from Acadiana Planning Commission addressed the council to discuss long range planning for roads and broadband.
- b. Zack Mitchell and Natalie Broussard to address the council on behalf of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to discuss disaster preparedness.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Special Ordinance 2020-2021-05: Amending the budget for quoted cost to replace City Hall air handler (Budget Amendment No. 4).

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, Second by: Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson Reid, Second by: David Broussard

- b. Ordinance No. 2021-04: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a maintenance and operation services agreement for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, Second by Brooke Marcotte

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson Reid, Second by: Marlon Lewis

- c. Ordinance No. 2021-05: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of New Iberia and Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Inc. for design and engineering services on the City of New Iberia Streets Project.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, Second by: Dustin Suire

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis, Second by: Deedy Johnson Reid

- d. Ordinance No. 2021-06: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement regarding security cameras between the City of New Iberia and Crime Fighters of Louisiana, LLC.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Marlon Lewis, Second by Brooke Marcotte

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: Ricky Gonsoulin, Second by Dustin Suire

- e. Ordinance No. 2021-07: Approving Change Order No. 3 on the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant for Equalization Basin Levee Repairs Project and Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute any and all contracts or documentation in connection therewith.

Motion to open Public Hearing: Deedy Johnson Reid, Second by: Deidre Ledbetter

Public comment:

Motion to close Public Hearing: David Broussard, Second by Marlon Lewis

**5. RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. Resolution 21-19: Awarding Judy Rizzo with the alternate position on the New Iberia Board of Adjustments.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b. Resolution 21-20: A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor and/or his staff to complete and execute the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for and on behalf of the city of New Iberia.

**Motion by Marlon Lewis, second by Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

**6. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. Introduction of 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 and to set for public hearing on April 6, 2021.

**Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded Deidre Ledbetter**

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

- b. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-09: An ordinance amending Section 70-27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Iberia to Add a requirement for dumpsters at commercial storage unit businesses and to set for public hearing on March 16, 2021.

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

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

## **7. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

- a. Adoption of Special Ordinance 2020-2021-05: Amending the budget for quoted cost to replace City Hall air handler (Budget Amendment No. 4).

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

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

- b. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-04: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a maintenance and operation services agreement for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Motion by Deedy Johnson Reid, seconded David Broussard.**

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

- c. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-05: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of New Iberia and Berard, Habetz, & Associates, Inc. for design and engineering services on the City of New Iberia Streets Project.

**Motion by Ricky Gonsoulin, seconded Dustin Suire**

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

- d. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-06: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement regarding security cameras between the City of New Iberia and Crime Fighters of Louisiana, LLC.

**Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded Ricky Gonsoulin**

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

- e. Adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-07: Approving Change Order No. 3 on the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant for Equalization Basin Levee Repairs Project and Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and execute any and all contracts or documentation in connection therewith.

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

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

**8. COUNCIL REMARKS:**

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.
- b) **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.

**10. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.**

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