

**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, FEBRUARY 17, 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, February 17, 2021, at Five-Thirty (5:30) p.m., Louisiana time (Central Standard Time). Mayor, Freddie DeCourt was not in attendance and Mayor Pro-tempore, Ricky Gonsoulin, presided over the meeting. The following members of the New Iberia City Council: Brooke Marcotte, David Broussard, Deidre Ledbetter, Deedy Johnson-Reid and Dustin Suire were in attendance. 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 Pro Tempore, who then stated that the Governing Authority was ready for the transaction of business. Marlon Lewis led the prayer and pledge.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

- a. Acceptance of the minutes of February 2, 2021 as published on February 12, 2021.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded by Brooke Marcotte.

**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. Assistant Chief Brandon Williams Presented Life Saving Valor Awards to Dion Merrick and Brandon Antoine.
- b. David Broussard addressed the council to discuss letter from State Senator Fred Mills, Jr. regarding turning lane safety issue at Lewis Street & Weeks Island Road.

4. RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Resolution 21-14: Appointing Albert Mestayer to the New Iberia Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Dustin Suire, seconded Deedy Johnson Reid.

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

- b. Resolution 21-15: Re-appointing William Kyle to Municipal Civil Service Board.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded Deidre Ledbetter.

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

5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- a. Introduction of Special Ordinance 2020-2021-05: Amending the budget for quoted cost to replace City Hall air handler (Budget Amendment No. 4) and to set for public hearing on March 2, 2021.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded Dustin Suire.

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

- b. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2021-04: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a maintenance and operation services agreement for the Tete Bayou Wastewater Treatment Plant and to set for public hearing on March 2, 2021.

Motion by David Broussard, seconded Dustin Suire.

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

- c. Introduction of Ordinance No. 21-05: 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 and to set for public hearing on March 2, 2021.

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded Deidre Ledbetter.

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

- d. Introduction of Ordinance No. 21-06: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement regarding security cameras between the City of New Iberia and Crime Fighters of Louisiana, LLC and to set for public hearing on March 2, 2021;

Motion by Marlon Lewis, seconded Brooke Marcotte.

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

- e. Introduction 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 and to set for public hearing on March 2, 2021.

Motion by Brooke Marcotte, seconded Deidre Ledbetter.

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

6. PROPERTY STANDARDS:

- a. Revisiting 1517 Adam Street for Demolition, per Resolution 21-03:
Heirs of deceased property owners were present and stated that they are working on getting ownership issues resolved but will need more time. Council recommends giving an additional thirty days for owners to come forward with a plan of action on the property.

Motion to Expand Agenda made by David Broussard, 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

RESOLUTION 21-16: Ordering the property at 1517 Adam Street to be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a ‘revisit’ on April 6, 2021 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion: David Broussard Second: Deedy Johnson-Reid

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

- b. Revisiting 503 Bayard Street for Demolition, per Resolution 21-04:
No one was present to represent this property and no improvements have been made on the property. Council recommends proceeding with demolition.

Motion to Expand Agenda made by Brooke Marcotte, seconded by Deidre Ledetter

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

RESOLUTION 21-17: Declaring the building at address 503 Bayard Street, New Iberia, LA 70560 condemned and ordered demolished or removed.

Motion: Deidre Ledbetter Second: Marlon Lewis

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

- c. Revisiting 118 Hortense Street for Demolition, per Resolution 21-06:
No one was present to represent the property. Improvements have been made but no permits were issued for these improvements. Council recommends giving an additional thirty days, with the condition that owner obtains proper permits.

Motion to Expand Agenda made by Deidre Ledbetter, seconded by Brooke Marcotte

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

RESOLUTION 21-18: Ordering the property at 118 Hortense Street to be repaired to conform to the Building Code of the City of New Iberia and that the property owner return to the Board of Trustees for a 'revisit' on April 6, 2021 to give an update on the status of this property.

Motion: Dustin Suire Second: Deidre Ledbetter

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- a. Kevin Zerangue presented monthly budget report for November 1, 2020 through November 30, 2020.
- b. Kevin Zerangue presented bimonthly budget report for November 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

8. COUNCIL REMARKS:

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) The next regularly scheduled city council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 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.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:59 P.M.

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