

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday February 19, 2008 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni and Mire.

There were also present: Mayor Charles Caillouet and Germaine Jackson.

The minutes of the February 6, 2008 Council meeting were approved as written.

To accommodate the Mayor for a Day Program, the City Council would like to request a re-scheduling of the second meeting in March.

On the motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council adopted a motion changing the Council meeting of Tuesday, March 18, 2008 to Monday, March 17, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None**

Due to the termination of Ms. Cindy Griffin as Director of Parks, the Mayor has interviewed individuals and is ready to make an appointment to replace Ms. Griffin.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Centanni, the Council voted to adopt a resolution confirming the appointment of Mr. Kelly Shipp to the position of Director of Parks effective February 20, 2008. The Mayor has recommended that the annual salary of Mr. Shipp be set at \$37,500. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None**

Mr. Kelly Shipp then thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to work for such a great City.

RESOLUTION NO. 1339

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3E(9) of the Thibodaux City Charter provides for the creation of departments not specifically created in the Charter; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the City Council did create a Parks Department headed by a Parks Director to be appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in addition, this appointment must be confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Kelly Shipp to the position of Parks Director at an annual salary of \$37,500.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Kelly Shipp as Parks Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(9) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni & Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of February 2008.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The Project Architect, Mr. Thomas Boudreaux, for the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium has advised the City Council that it is necessary to consider approving Change Order No. 3 for the storm damage repairs at the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium. This change order is being proposed in order to accommodate additions to the project to include new acoustical tile ceiling work at entry 120A, chill water pipe insulation and the insulation of horizontal storm drainage above the ceiling. This will increase the contract price by \$24,804.64 thereby making the final contract price \$2,205,586.93.

Mr. Tommy Boudreaux explained to the Council the three items of change and what their purpose would be in the building repairs and renovations to the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium. Gene Richard, as well as the Mayor, congratulates Mr. Thomas Boudreaux on his efforts with a difficult project after Hurricane's Katrina and Rita. Mr. Richard and the Mayor, as well as the Council thanks Mr. Boudreaux for a job well done.

On motion of Councilman Hebert, seconded by Councilman Richard, the council voted to adopt a resolution approving Change Order No. 3 for the storm damage repairs at the Warren J. Harang, Jr. Municipal Auditorium. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1340

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN
CHANGE ORDER #3 WITH BET CONSTRUCTION, INC.
FOR THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM REPAIR PROJECT***

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with BET Construction, Inc. for repairs to the Harang Municipal Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, due to the addition of items related to new acoustical tile ceiling work at entry 120A, chill water pipe insulation and insulation of horizontal storm drainage above ceiling, the execution of a change order is required; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change order increases the contract price in the amount of \$24,804.64 over the original contract bid for a new contract price of \$2,205,586.93.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 3 with BET Construction, Inc. in the amount mentioned above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said change order is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and thereby made a part hereof.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was As follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, & Mire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of February 2008.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-8 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, the City Council is to make the appointments to the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Board. The appointments are based on the recommendations made by each Fire Company.

On motion Of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilmen Hebert, the Council voted to adopt a resolution appointing the members to the 2008 Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department Fire Board. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Mire

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1341

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Fire Board is comprised of two members from each company in the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department along with a Chief, Asst. Fire Chiefs, Secretary and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-8 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances the members of the said board must be appointed by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-8 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances does hereby appoint the following members to the Thibodaux Fire Board for the year 2008:

**Fire Chief – Mike P. Naquin
Asst. Chief – Dan A. Naquin
Asst. Chief – Randy Pate**

Asst. Chief – Chad Mire

Secretary – Kenneth C. Bourgeois

**Thibodaux Fire Company No. 1 – Charles J. Adams & Josh Bourgeois
Protector Fire Company No. 2 – Joe Ayo & Glenn Froisy
Home Hook & Ladder Fire Co – Barry Ledet & P.J. Naquin, III
North Thibodaux Fire Company – Kenneth Himel, Jr. & David LeBlanc
South Thibodaux Fire Company – Dwain Andras & Mitchell J. Benoit
West Thibodaux Fire Company – Warren A. Spears & Richard Traigle
Bowie Fire Company – Ruben Boudreaux, Jr. & Brad Naquin**

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor & Centanni

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Councilman Mire

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of February 2008.

**/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

**/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President**

The Zoning Administrator informed the City Council that there is a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission due to the expiration of the term for Mr. Sheard Ber. In accordance with the provisions Section 22-6 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Gene Richard has appointing authority for this appointment. The proposed resolution to approve this appointment also rescinds Resolution No. 1292 that was adopted on June 19, 2007 due to Mr. Jean Deramee's inability to serve on the Commission.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted to adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Robert Mire, 102 Josephine St.

Thibodaux, La. 70301 to the Planning and Zoning Commission. His term will expire February 19, 2013. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1342

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Planning & Zoning Commission is comprised of five members appointed by the Thibodaux City Council and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, due to the expiration of the term of Mr. Sheard Ber, it is necessary to appoint a new member or re-appoint Mr. Ber for a new term on the board; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the rotation method of appointment dictated by Section 22-6 of the City Code of Ordinances, Councilman Gene Richard has nominated Robert Mire for appointment to the board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that in accordance with the provisions of Section 22-6 of the Thibodaux Code of Ordinances, Robert Mire, is hereby appointed as a member to the Thibodaux Planning & Zoning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of Robert Mire will expire February 19, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby rescind Resolution No. 1292 appointing Mr. Jean Deramee to replace Mr. Sheard Ber on the Planning & Zoning Commission due to his inability to serve in this capacity

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, & Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of February 2008.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The City Council considered the adoption of a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with the law firm of Fisher and Phillips as Special Legal Counsel to the City of Thibodaux. A motion by Gene Richard was made. No Councilmen seconded the motion therefore the resolution failed for lack of a second.

The Grants Director informed the City Council that FEMA, through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, has awarded the City funding for the installation of storm shutters at Stark Complex, the Senior Citizen's Center, the American Red Cross building, and the Peltier Park Recreation Center. The total grant is in the amount of \$137,000 with the Federal share being \$102,750.00 and the State's share is \$34,250.

Bonnie Lafont explains the grant agreements to the Council for the four buildings involved in receiving storm shutters. She states that the grant money should cover all cost of the improvements.

On motion by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council voted to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilman Hebert, Richard, Taylor Centanni, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2379

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN
A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS***

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the City has applied for financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for funding to assist with the installation of storm shutters at the Stark Municipal Complex, Peltier Park Recreation Center, Thibodaux Senior Citizen's Center, and the Thibodaux American Red Cross Building; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded funds from FEMA through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness in the amount of \$137,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute an agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the funding mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for the funds to be received by the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the said agreement is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and thereby made a part hereof.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni, & Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 19th day of February 2008.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The Grants Director has informed the City Council that South Central Planning and Development Commission has awarded the City funding through the 2008 Safe Community Partnership Program. The total grant is in the amount of \$2,271.00 for overtime pay for police officers in conjunction with the DWI and occupant protection campaigns in the City of Thibodaux.

On motion by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with South Central Planning & Development for a 2008 Safe Community Grant. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard Taylor, Centanni, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2380

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FOR A 2008 SAFE COMMUNITY GRANT

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux has been approved to receive a grant through the Safe Community Partnership Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds in the amount of \$2,271.00 will be received through an agreement with South Central Planning and Development Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the funds will be utilized for overtime to improve law enforcement's efforts to combat DWI and seatbelt violations within the City of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a grant agreement with South Central Planning and Development Commission for the aforesaid grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with South Central Planning and Development Commission for the 2008 Safe Community Partnership Program Grant as mentioned hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and thereby made a part hereof.

The above ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Taylor, Centanni & Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 19th day of February 2008.

**/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

**/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President