

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
MARCH 17, 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 Monday March 17, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

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

Also present: Mayor Charles Caillouet

The minutes of the March 4, 2008 City Council meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Hebert introduced an ordinance to include a Section 6-7 in order to define vacant buildings and stipulate the building and lawn maintenance requirement of the vacant property. This section also requires the owner of the vacant property to maintain liability insurance on the property. This ordinance would amend and re-enact Chapter 6 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Section 6-7; Vacant Buildings. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

As per request of the Civil Service Director, Mr. Rollie Waters recommended an adjustment to all pay ranges for all classified positions in the City. His recommended adjustment is 3.5% to 3.8%. This does not mean that all City employees will receive a salary increase. It does mean that all salary ranges for classified positions will be increased by 3.5% to 3.8%. Following an adoption by the Civil Service Board the 3.8% adjustment was recommended.

On motion of Councilman Centanni, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted to adopt a resolution adjusting the Civil Service Pay Plan salary range by 3.8% for the year 2009. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1346

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Pay Plan of the Thibodaux Municipal Civil Service the pay ranges must be evaluated and adjusted on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, Waters Consulting Group was requested to provide a recommendation for an adjustment for the said ranges which would be effective January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the recommended adjustment forwarded by the said consulting firm is 3.5% to 3.8%; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Board does concur with the recommendation and itself recommends that the City Council approve an amended pay plan to reflect a 3.8% adjustment; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations, any adjustment to the pay plan must also be approved by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby approve the recommendation of the Civil Service Board and hereby enacts a 3.8% adjustment to the Civil Service Salary Ranges effective January 1, 2009.

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 17 day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Grants Director informed the Council Administrator that the Mayor wishes to file an application with the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor recreation for grant funds in the amount of \$118,000. The purpose is to acquire funding for the development of the proposed North and South Acadia Road Beautification Project. The funds received will be used to fund Phase 1 of the project. The estimated cost is \$236,000, with the City matching 50% as a requirement of the grant. The project includes grading and drainage improvements along the railroad corridor.

On motion of Councilman Centanni, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for grant funding from the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor recreation. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 1347

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to apply to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation for a grant in the amount of \$118,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the said grant funds would be used to fund the construction of the proposed North and South Acadia Road Beautification Project; and

WHEREAS, the funding received through the said grant would fund Phase I of the project which includes grading and drainage improvements along the railroad corridor; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of Phase I of the project is \$236,000 and the City

hereby agrees to provide a fifty (50%) percent local match as a requirement of the grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to make the application and accept the grant award it is necessary for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit an application to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation for funding assistance as stated hereinabove.

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

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 17 day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Grants Director has informed the Council Administrator that the Mayor has requested that Leonard Chauvin prepare an amendment to his contract that would allow a lump sum payment for engineering services in the amount of \$56,475.00 . The project includes paving improvements to the access road and installing two (2) sets of Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI's) at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport.

On motion of Councilman Hebert, seconded by Councilman Centanni, the Council voted to adopt a resolution amending the engineering contract with Leonard Chauvin for additional improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1348

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH LEONARD CHAUVIN FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE THIBODAUX MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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

WHEREAS, the City received a federal grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to construct improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City executed a contract for engineering services with Leonard Chauvin P. E., P.L.S, Inc. on May 10, 2004 for the design and construction supervision for the Thibodaux Municipal Airport Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to construct paving improvements to the access road and

install Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI's) which were not included in the original contract for engineering services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the engineering contract with Leonard Chauvin to include the additional improvements and provide for a lump sum payment for the engineering services of \$56,475.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said amendment 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

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 17th day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium Director has recommended that the Council consider adopting a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Ticketmaster to be the exclusive seller of all ticketed events held at the Auditorium. The proposed agreement provides the City to pay a one-time fee of \$2500.00 for the installation and use of Ticketmaster hardware and software at the Facility Box Office. Ticketmaster will be responsible for all ticket receipts and they will initiate a payment to the City for our portion of the ticket sales. The agreement has a term for five (5) years and will automatically renew for three (3) year terms unless either party decides not to renew after the initial term.

Councilman Centanni requested information on the 501(3)(c), non-profit corporation, pertaining to the Warren J. Harang Jr. Municipal Auditorium. A general discussion was held with regards to this.

On motion of Councilman Centanni, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Ticketmaster L.L.C. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1349

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A
USER AGREEMENT WITH TICKETMASTER L.L.C.***

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor wishes to enter an agreement with Ticketmaster L.L.C. to be the exclusive seller of all tickets for the Sellable Capacity for every attraction held at the Warren J. Harang, Jr. Municipal Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the City will pay a one-time fee of \$2,500.00 for the installation and use

of Ticketmaster hardware and software at the Facility Box Office; and

WHEREAS, Ticketmaster shall collect all ticket receipts derived from ticket sales for Attractions and shall initiate payment of ticket receipts to the City after deducting the inside charges, convenience charges, and processing fees from the receipts; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a user agreement with Ticketmaster L.L.C. for the services rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a user agreement with Ticketmaster L.L.C. for services as outlined above.

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 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 17th day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Zoning Administrator has informed the Council Administrator that the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the Council consider an ordinance to approve the re-division of property owned by Larry and Rita Chamberlain located on St. Patrick Hwy. The proposed re-division involves the division of Tract C into Tracts C-1 and C-2.

On motion by Councilman Centanni, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted to adopt an ordinance approving the re-division of property located on St. Patrick Hwy. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2381

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RE-DIVISION
OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON ST PATRICK HIGHWAY**

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

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Thibodaux has reviewed a request concerning the re-division of the property owned by Larry and Rita Chamberlain located on St. Patrick Highway ; and

WHEREAS, the proposed re-division request involves the division of Tract C into

Tracts C-1 and C-2 for this property; and

WHEREAS, the said commission has approved the aforesaid request and is recommending that the City Council concur with their recommendation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Thibodaux Subdivision Regulations, this re-division should be accepted by the adoption of an appropriate ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that the re-division of property located on St Patrick Highway as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission is hereby accepted and approved as requested.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the plat illustrating the said re-division is attached hereto 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 17th day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Zoning Administrator has informed the Council Administrator that the Planning and Zoning Commission has requested that the City Council adopt an ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 6 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Section 6-6 Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers. This would regulate the use of these to be used as dwelling units on commercial construction sites. The regulations also include the method to be used to obtain approval for the location of the units, as well as the sewer and water connections and trash receptacles. The initial period of six (6) months may be extended upon approval of the Zoning Administrator up to one (1) day prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

On motion by Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted to adopt an ordinance amending and re-enacting Chapter 6 of the Thibodaux City Code Ordinances. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2382

*AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT
CHAPTER 6 OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE
OF ORDINANCES*

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Chapter 6 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to create Section 6-6 to read as follows:

Section 6-6. Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers.

Any Owner or General Contractor who desires to bring a mobile home or travel trailer to be used as a dwelling unit on a bona fide commercial construction site for which a valid building permit has been obtained shall first apply for and obtain written approval from the Zoning Administrator. To obtain approval, the owner or contractor shall submit a copy of the architect's site plan with the proposed locations of the dwelling unit(s), sewer and water connection(s), and the trash receptacle(s) noted thereon. The dwellings must be on the lot for which the construction permit has been issued. A gravel base surface shall be laid and maintained for the access drive and the site where the dwelling unit will be located.

A temporary construction mobile home or travel trailer, used as a dwelling, shall be allowed on the site for an initial period of six (6) months. That initial period may be extended at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator up to one day prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. A maximum of six (6) dwelling units shall be allowed depending on the acreage of the construction site at each bona fide commercial construction permit area. Personnel using the dwelling shall be exclusively employed for the construction of the permitted building. The mobile home or travel trailer shall be removed upon the completion of construction and prior to obtaining a certificate of occupancy.

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 17th day of March 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Zoning Administrator informed the Council Administrator that the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the City Council consider the introduction of an ordinance to change the zoning designation for a tract of property for R-1 and R-2 Districts to an R-3 District. The tract of land, owned by the Lafourche Parish School Board, is located on the north side of East 7th St. The re-zoning of this tract of property would place all of the school board property located along Goode, Tetreau, East 7th, East 12th Streets and Cardinal Drive in a R-3 Zone.

Councilman Richard recommended that the Council table this item until views from the public can be heard concerning this matter.

On motion by Councilman Hebert, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council agreed to table this matter until the next regular meeting April 1, 2008. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

The Police Chief has informed the Council Administrator that the Police Department would like the Council to consider establishing a School Zone on Parish Road between Barbier Ave. and Notre Dame St. He feels that in order to create a safer environment the zone would restrict the speed of traffic on this section to fifteen (15) mph from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on all schools days. To accomplish this the ordinance would amend Section 20-19 (f) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (15) Parish Road between Barbier Ave. and Notre Dames St.

On motion by Councilman Centanni, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council voted to adopt an ordinance amending and reenacting Section 20-19 (f) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (15); School Zone on Parish Road. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2383

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT
SECTION 20-19(f) OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE
OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO CREATE SUB-SECTION
(15); SCHOOL ZONE ON PARISH ROAD***

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Section 20-19(f) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances are hereby amended and re-enacted so as to add Sub-Section (15) to read as follows:

Sec. 20-19(f). School Zones.

15) On Parish Road from Barbier Avenue to Notre Dame Street.

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 17th day of March 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