

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
JUNE 3, 2008**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday June 3, 2008 at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

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

Councilman Richard arrived at 5:03 p.m.

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

The minutes of the May 20, 2008 Council meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Hebert introduced an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2363 "Appropriation Ordinance for the Year 2008" (Supplemental Appropriation). The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2008.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a Boundary Agreement with the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the Council Meeting on June 17, 2008.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Mosquito Control of Lafourche, LLC. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the Council Meeting on June 17, 2008.

Due to the expiration of the term of Mr. Carlous Kline as a member of the Thibodaux Recreation Board, it is necessary for the appointing authority to consider appointing a new member to the board. Mr. Kline was appointed to the board by the Mayor. It is the intent of the Mayor to re-appoint Mr. Carlous Kline to the Thibodaux Recreation Board for a four (4) Year term.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted to adopt a resolution confirming the Mayor's re-appointment of Mr. Carlous Kline to the Thibodaux Recreation Board. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1361**

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

***WHEREAS***, the Thibodaux Recreation Board is comprised of seven members; five (5) appointed by the City Council members and two (2) appointed by the Mayor; and

***WHEREAS***, the term of Mr. Carlous Kline on the Thibodaux Recreation Board expires on June 17, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor wishes to re-appoint Mr. Carlous Kline to the board in accordance with the provisions of Section 14-3 of the Thibodaux Code of Ordinances.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that in accordance with the provisions of section 14-3 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, the following individual is hereby appointed to serve on the Thibodaux Recreation Board for the term designated:

<b>APPOINTING AUTHORITY</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
Mayor	Carlous Kline	June 17, 2012

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 3rd day of June 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City administers the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City Council adopted the Section 8 Program Administrative Plan in 2007 as required by HUD. This plan basically provides the plan and guidelines under which our Section 8 Program will be administered.

After a review of the standards included in the said plan which calculate the rental subsidy provided to families, it was discovered that we should consider amending our plan to increase the payment standard from 105% to 110%. This change is being proposed due to the low vacancy rate and increasingly higher rents in the City of Thibodaux. This adjustment will result in an average increase in rental subsidies for tenants at an average of \$34 per unit.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted to adopt a resolution approving the amended Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program so as to calculate tenant's subsidy at 110% of the published fair market rents. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1362**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana approved the City's Section 8 Program Administrative Plan in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, agencies are allowed to establish a payment standard at any level between 90% and 110% of the published fair market rent based on the local rental market; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the low vacancy rate and increasingly higher rents in the City of Thibodaux, the City Office of Housing and Community Development has decided to update the said plan so as to increase the rental payment standard from 105% of fair market to 110%; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Council to approve this amendment by means of the adoption of an appropriate resolution

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby approve the amended Section 8 Program Administrative Plan so as to establish the new rental payment standard at 110% of fair market rental.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the most recent fair market rents published in the Federal Register and the City of Thibodaux's amended Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Payment Standards are 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 3rd day of June 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Project Engineer has advised the Council Administrator that the Thibodaux Sewerage Plant Office/Locker Room Project is substantially complete in accordance with all contract documents and specifications. The project engineer for this project is David Waitz Engineering. Therefore, it is necessary for the Council to consider the adoption of a resolution of substantial completion which will commence the 45 day lien period on this contract.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Centanni, the Council voted to adopt a resolution of substantial completion for the Thibodaux Sewerage Plant Office/Locker Room Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION NO. 1363**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thibodaux entered into a contract with LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC dated November 20, 2007 for the Thibodaux Sewerage Plant Office/Locker Room Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the work under the aforementioned contract was substantially complete in accordance with the plans and specifications by the contractor on April 30, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, a final inspection was conducted by representatives of the City and the Project Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, all work was found to be satisfactory for acceptance with respect to the application for payment by the contractor less and except any items included on a punch list.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session on June 3, 2008 that the work under the aforementioned project be and is hereby accepted as substantially complete on the date hereinbefore specified.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council Administrator is hereby authorized to file with the Clerk of Court of the Parish of Lafourche, a certified copy of this resolution in order to commence the 45 day lien period.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to David Waitz Engineering, PO Box 1203, Thibodaux, LA 70302, and to LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, PO Box 669, Pierre Part, LA 70339.

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**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of June 2008.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Mayor held a discussion in reference to the renewal of the City's General Liability Insurance Policy with Travelers Insurance Company. After review of all the proposals received, the Mayor is recommending that we renew our coverage with Travelers as presented by Jones Insurance Agency (Quote 1) with a an individual Self Insured Retention (deductible) in the amount of \$100,000 with an aggregate deductible or Total Self Insured Retention in the amount of \$525,000. The total combined premium for the proposal renewal is \$358,935 which reflects a 19.6% (\$87,529) decrease as compared to the City's current annual premium.

Since this coverage is a renewal, it isn't necessary for the Council to take any action relative to this matter. It is the intent of the administration to retain F.A. Richard & Associates as the City's Third Party Claims Administrator.

Mr. William Besson of 1805 Canal Boulevard addressed the Council with problems and concerns in the area near his residence.

**Mr. Besson's first issue was regarding sink holes on property adjacent to his driveway. He has contacted the Public Works Director, Kermit Kraemer, and is not satisfied in the way the matter is being handled.**

**The second issue was in regards to loud music being played on properties near his residence. He would like to see the noise ordinance enforced by the Thibodaux Police Department. He also requested that stricter fines be enforced for repeat offenders.**

**The Council, as well as City Administration, agreed to look into these matters.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

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**Chad J. Mire, President**

