OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
MAY 20, 2014

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, May 20, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Hebert, Richard, Badeaux, Mire and Councilwoman Johnson.

There were also present: Mayor Tommy Eschete and Beau Brooks.

Absent: None

The minutes of the May 6, 2014 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Department of Interior, National Park Service. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Councilman Hebert introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 20-6 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (nn) Pedestrian Crosswalk – Audubon Avenue at Swanner Drive. The Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

The City received bids on May 12, 2014 for the Thibodaux Bayou Boardwalk Project as designed by Duplantis Design Group.

The lowest responsible bid was received from Foret Contracting, LLC with the base bid in the amount of $139,700.00.

On motion of Councilman Badeaux, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to accept the low bid of Foret Contracting Group, LLC for the Thibodaux Bayou Boardwalk Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract therewith. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1886

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF FORET CONTRACTING GROUP, LLC FOR THE THIBODAUX BAYOU BOARDWALK PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREWITH

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

WHEREAS, the City has received bids for the Thibodaux Bayou Boardwalk Project which includes a sidewalk walking path along Bayou Lafourche from the Jean Lafitte National Park to Jackson Street; and
WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was received from Foret Contracting, LLC with the bid in the amount of $139,700.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to consider the acceptance of the low bid and execute a contract with the said contractor for the services mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City does hereby accept the low bid submitted by Foret Contracting, LLC in the amount of $139,700.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Foret Contracting, LLC for the project stated herein.

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

YEAS: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of May 2014.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant          /s/ Chad J. Mire
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.  Chad J. Mire, President

The City utilizes the wetlands enhancement process as an additional means of treatment for City sewerage.

Since this process was approved, the City is required to monitor the effectiveness of the program in accordance with the provisions of our NPDES Discharge Permit.

The City received a proposal from the Nicholls State University Department of Biological Sciences to provide the required monitoring service for the year June 1, 2014 thru July 30, 2015 at a cost of $39,563.00.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional service contract with Nicholls State University for the Wetlands Assimilation Monitoring for the Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO.1887

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE WETLANDS ASSIMILATION MONITORING FOR THE THIBODAUX WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux has employed an approved process of wetlands enhancement wastewater treatment utilized as a means of tertiary treatment of City sewerage; and

WHEREAS, under the permit for this process, the City contracted with Nicholls
State University for the monitoring requirements dictated by the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit; and

WHEREAS, Nicholls State University has proposed to continue to perform the said monitoring program for the period June 1, 2014 thru July 30, 2015 at a cost of $39,563.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a professional services contract with the Nicholls State University Department of Biological Sciences for the services mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Nicholls State University for the monitoring of wastewater assimilation in conjunction with the wetlands enhancement LPDES Permit requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said contract 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: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of May 2014.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant     /s/ Chad J. Mire
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm. Chad J. Mire, President

The Finance Director informed the Council Administrator that the Mayor wishes to contract with Stuart Consulting Group in order for the firm to assist the City with finalizing our outstanding claims with FEMA for Hurricane Katrina damage to the Harang Auditorium.

The firm will collect all required data from the City to submit to FEMA to settle the claim. The fees associated with this service will also be paid by FEMA; therefore there is no cost to the City.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a Master Service Agreement and Task Order No. 1 with Stuart Consulting Group (Hurricane Katrina FEMA Recovery). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 1888

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT AND TASK ORDER NO. 1 WITH STUART CONSULTING GROUP (HURRICANE KATRINA FEMA RECOVERY)

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter a Master Service Agreement with Stuart Consulting Group in order for them to provide assistance to the City with filing and
closing out claims for disaster related expenses through FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Consulting Group has also submitted Task Order No. 1 to the City in order for them to provide the services outlined in the Master Service Agreement to assist the City in closing out our FEMA reimbursement requests for damage to the Harang Auditorium during Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, the fees associated with this service will also be paid by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a Master Service Agreement and Task Order No. 1 with the said consulting firm for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a Master Services Agreement and Task Order No. 1 with Stuart Consulting Group for professional services associated with finalizing FEMA reimbursements for damages sustained by the City for Hurricane Katrina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said agreement and task order no. 1 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: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of May 2014.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant        /s/ Chad J. Mire
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.  Chad J. Mire, President

A discussion was held concerning the placement of traffic control signs in conjunction with a Local Road Safety Grant.

Another discussion was held concerning abandoned pools on private property within the City.

The Mayor informed the Council Administrator that the City will partner with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for the implementation of a PRIME TIME Program during the Fall 2014 Session. This is a 6-week family reading program for children ages 3-10 and their families. They meet once a week for 90 minutes and LEH provides a meal and all materials and supplies for the program.

The agreement stipulates that the City will provide $5,000.00 to LEH to offset the costs of the local program.

On motion of Councilman Hebert, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for the PRIME TIME Program. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ORDINANCE NO. 2728

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOUISIANA ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FOR THE PRIME TIME PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to partner with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH) for the implementation of a PRIME TIME Program during the fall 2014 session; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux is in agreement to provide funding in the amount of $5,000.00 to LEH for the implementation of a 6 week family reading program designed for children ages 3-10 and their families that meets once a week for 90 minutes in order to promote critical thinking, reasoning, and questioning abilities; and

WHEREAS, the agreement stipulates that LEH shall provide each participating family with transportation, a nutritious meal and all materials and supplies for the 60 minutes of programming; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for the implementation of a PRIME TIME Program for the fall 2014 session as outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the memorandum of understanding 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: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this the 20th day of May 2014.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant          /s/ Chad J. Mire
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.    Chad J. Mire, President

The Mayor informed the Council Administrator that he received notification from LA DEQ that the City failed to meet filing deadlines relating to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program for the Years 2009 and 2010. DEQ has assessed a penalty in the amount of $600.00 against the City for failure in filing the required annual reports.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Hebert, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Expedited Penalty Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Compliance. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ORDINANCE NO. 2729

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE AN EXPEDITED PENALTY AGREEMENT WITH
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

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

WHEREAS, the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has
notified the City that they have reviewed records relating to the City’s Municipal
Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program; and

WHEREAS, DEQ has determined that the City failed to submit the MS4
Annual Reports to the Department by the required due date for the years 2009 and
2010; and

WHEREAS, DEQ offers the attached Expedited Penalty Agreement in order
to quickly settle the violation cited with an assessed penalty of $600.00 payable
within 30-days of receipt of the notice; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Mayor to execute the Expedited Penalty
Agreement it is necessary for the City Council to adopt an ordinance authorizing
him to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of
Thibodaux that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Expedited Penalty
Agreement with the LA Department of Environmental Quality in conjunction with
Enforcement Tracking No. WE-XP-13-01243 with a penalty of $600.00.

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

YEAS: Hebert, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 20th day of May 2014.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant                /s/ Chad J. Mire
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.     Chad J. Mire, President

Mayor’s Report

1) Project Status-The Mayor updated the Council on the Tiger Drive Bridge
Project, the Canal Widening Project and the Martin Luther King Park
Renovation Project.

Heather Klingman addressed the Council and audience requesting that they
please try to attend the public meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers at the
Government Complex in Mathews on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.     Chad J. Mire, President