

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
MAY 21, 2019**

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 21, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Tabor, Richard, Naquin, Mire and Councilwoman Johnson.

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the May 7, 2019 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Finance Director presented the Council with the monthly financial report as required by the State's Agreed-Upon Procedures for April 2019.

The State DOTD has proposed that the City continue to maintain the greenspace along State Highways located in our City under the provisions of an agreement under which the City would be compensated for the services. The City will be required to clean and mow the greenspaces a minimum of four (4) times per year.

The agreement proposed is for a period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 at certain rates of reimbursement depending on the type of highway. In accordance with the provisions of the proposed maintenance agreement, the City would receive \$10,800.00 annually for maintenance services provided.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a maintenance agreement with Louisiana DOTD for the maintenance of green space on State Highways. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2211

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO SIGN A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH
LOUISIANA DOTD FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF
GREEN SPACE ON STATE HIGHWAYS***

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor has received a proposal from the State DOTD to compensate the City to maintain the green spaces located along the State Highway routes which are located within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the State proposes to reimburse the City in the amount of \$10,800.00 during the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 for the maintenance of green space along 7.25 miles of State highways located within the City; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute maintenance agreement with the State DOTD for the reimbursements/compensation mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a maintenance agreement with the Louisiana DOTD for the maintenance of green space along State Highways located in the City limits 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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21st day of May 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to approve a special exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a personal services establishment in an R-3 Zoning District – 902 Jackson Street (Beauty Salon). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on June 18, 2019.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 20-19 (a) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (21) – Speed Limit on St. Joseph Street.

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with the State of Louisiana Division of Administration for a FY 2018-2019 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant.

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to approve the preliminary plat for the re-division of a portion of the remaining undeveloped property belonging to J.B. Levert Land Company into Kearney Drive Extension and Lamar Drive of the J.B. Levert Commercial Park Subdivision and the remaining undeveloped property.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to approve the final plat for the division of a portion of property belonging to the Housing Authority of the City of Thibodaux into Lot A, an open space lot and remaining property.

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign an Act of Donation for property located on Barbier Avenue.

The Public Hearings on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on June 4, 2019.

Nicholls State University hosts the Manning Camp during the summer, which generates an estimated \$2.5 million impact on our local economy. The University requests that the City partner with them and provide the necessary personnel and equipment to mow the grass fields between John L. Guidry Stadium and the Thibodaux Regional Medical Center property line. The University has agreed to provide all fuel needed to operate the equipment used to maintain those fields as needed during the Manning Camp.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative

Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University for the 2019 Manning Camp.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3024

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY
FOR THE 2019 MANNING CAMP**

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

WHEREAS, Nicholls State University is the host of the Manning Camp which provides an estimated \$2.5 million economic impact to the City, Parish, and Region; and

WHEREAS, the University and City desire to work together to provide the best possible services to the participants and attendees of the Manning Camp; and

WHEREAS, the City will provide the appropriate personnel and equipment required for mowing the grass of the fields between John L. Guidry Stadium and the Thibodaux Regional Medical Center property line based on need and applicable weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, Nicholls State University will provide the fuel for the equipment used by the City for this mowing service; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to provide this service to the University it is necessary to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with Nicholls State University outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University under the conditions mentioned hereinabove relative to providing grass mowing services for the 2019 Manning Camp.

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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 21st day of May 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City receives services from the Lafourche Council on Aging including serving daily meals and providing other services at the Ethel Knobloch Senior Citizens Center. It is necessary for the City to execute an agreement with the

Lafourche Council on Aging for the services they provide at the Center. The proposed agreement is for a term of four years from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with the Lafourche Council on Aging. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3025

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A
CONTRACT WITH THE LAFOURCHE COUNCIL ON AGING***

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

WHEREAS, the City receives services from the Lafourche Council on Aging relative to serving daily meals and providing other services at the Ethel Knobloch Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a contract with the said agency to provide the services mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Lafourche Council on Aging for services provided at the Ethel Knobloch Senior Citizens Center as mentioned above for the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the said contract 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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 21st day of May 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development has awarded the City funding for a FY 2018-2019 Local Government Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$19,450.00. The funds will be used toward the cost of a camera trailer to be used by the Police Department.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with the State of Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development for a FY 2018-2019 Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program Grant (Camera Trailer for the Thibodaux Police Department). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3026

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN
A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT FOR A FY 2018-2019 LOUISIANA LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT (CAMERA
TRAILER FOR THE THIBODAUX POLICE DEPARTMENT)***

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

WHEREAS, the City has applied for a Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant to put toward the cost of a camera trailer for the Thibodaux Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the LGAP has awarded a grant to the City in the amount of \$19,450.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute an agreement with the State of Louisiana for the LGAP grant 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 State of Louisiana Office of Community Development for a FY 2018-2019 Local Government Assistance Program Grant.

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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 21st day of May 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

A condemnation hearing was held for property located at 1106 Henderson Street.

Marion Floyd, 1403 West Esplanade, Kenner, LA 70065, addressed the Council on behalf of the Coulon Family. He had pictures of improvements made on the property and a brief discussion took place in reference to the property.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council unanimously voted to continue this hearing until the August 20, 2019 Council Meeting.

The City Attorney addressed the Council about property located at 601 Arms Street. He stated that the condemnation process would have to start over due to notification requirements.

Becky Gautreaux, LSU Ag Center Nutrition Agent, addressed the Council to introduce herself and let them know that she has been and will continue to work with the City in the near future on additional projects.

Councilman Richard addressed the Council about vacant buildings and possible ideas that would help speed up the condemnation process.

Jerry Jones, 113 Louise Street, addressed the Council about a problem in his neighborhood. He stated that a barricade was placed on the City servitude across the street from his property and would like to see the City move the barricade off of the City servitude to alleviate problems that it is causing.

The Mayor updated the Council on several projects going on throughout the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President