

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
JUNE 18, 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, June 18, 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 June 4, 2019 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

In accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 (A) of the Thibodaux City Charter, the Council “shall call a special meeting of the Council to be held during the week following the first regular Council meeting in July of each year for the sole purpose of having a pre-budget conference between the Mayor and members of the Council.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a motion to set the date for the pre-budget conference to Monday, July 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 (A) of the Thibodaux City Charter. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The Finance Director presented the Council with the Monthly Financial Report as required by the State’s Agreed-Upon Procedures for May 2019.

Councilwoman Johnson presented several officers appreciation plaques for their help in her district.

The Mayor wishes to file an application with the Louisiana Recreational Trails Program for grant funds in the amount of \$100,000.00.

The purpose of the grant application is to acquire funding for the Menard Street Pedestrian Sidewalk and Bicycle Trail Project. The FRTPL requires a local match of 20% either in cash or in-kind. The total estimated project cost is \$902,591.50.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the application for grant funds from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) – Menard Sidewalk and Bicycle Trail Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2217

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT
FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM
FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL) – MENARD PEDESTRIAN AND
BICYCLE TRAIL PROJECT**

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

WHEREAS, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of the said application.

NOW, THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby approve the filing of an application with FRTPL and does further certify that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council does hereby appoint the Mayor as agent of the City of Thibodaux to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment request and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

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 the 18th day of June 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Mayor wishes to file an application with the Louisiana Recreational Trails Program for grant funds in the amount of \$99,500.00.

The purpose of the grant application is to acquire funding for the Downtown Thibodaux Bayou Lafourche Trailhead Project. The FRTPL requires a local match of 20% either in cash or in-kind. The total estimated project cost is \$125,268.00.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the application for grant funds from the FHWA Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) – Downtown Thibodaux Bayou Lafourche Trailhead Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2218

***A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT
FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM
FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL) – DOWNTOWN THIBODAux BAYOU
LAFOURCHE TRAILHEAD***

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

WHEREAS, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of the said application.

NOW, THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby approve the filing of an application with FRTPL and does further certify that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council does hereby appoint the Mayor as agent of the City of Thibodaux to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment request and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

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 the 18th day of June 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Thibodaux City Charter, whenever a vacancy occurs on the Civil Service Board, the nominating authority for that seat must make a nomination to the City Council for appointment to fill the vacancy on the board.

It was necessary for the City to contact the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce in order to request a nomination for an appointment to fill the vacancy.

The City received a nomination from the Board of the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce re-appointing Mr. Paul Arceneaux for a new four-year term.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the appointment by the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce of Mr. Paul Arceneaux to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2219

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Municipal Civil Service Board is comprised of five regular members; and

WHEREAS, due to the expiration of the term of Mr. Paul Arceneaux, the appointing agency has forwarded a nomination to the City Council to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the method of nomination employed in the City Charter, the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce has nominated Mr. Paul Arceneaux for re-appointment to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Thibodaux City Charter, that the appointment of Mr. Paul Arceneaux to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board is hereby approved effective June 18, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of Mr. Arceneaux will expire June 18, 2023.

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 18th day of June 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to approve the preliminary plat of Plantation Acres IV Subdivision, Phase 4, Addendum 6.

Councilwoman Johnson 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 Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 5 of the J.B. Levert Commercial Park Subdivision and the remaining undeveloped property.

The Public Hearings on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of a special exception request by Tiffany Lagarde for property located at 902 Jackson Street.

Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance stipulates the process for granting a special exception to certain provisions contained in the zoning ordinance. This request is to allow a special exception in accordance with the provisions of the R-3 Zoning District Regulations in order to operate a personal services establishment (Beauty Salon) at 902 Jackson Street.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on 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). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3032

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 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)**

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance, a special exception request has been filed with the Zoning Administrator by Tiffany Lagarde for property located at 902 Jackson Street which is designated as an R-3 Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the request was filed in order to request a special exception in accordance with the R-3 Zoning District regulations in order to allow a personal services establishment (beauty salon) at this location; and

WHEREAS, a request for a special exception was duly referred to the Thibodaux Planning and Zoning Commission on May 1, 2019 and the Commission is recommending approval of the request by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the aforesaid special exception request to allow a personal services establishment (beauty salon) to be operated in an R-3 Zoning District located at 902 Jackson Street is hereby approved.

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 18th day of June 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City has negotiated a lease agreement with ED White High School for the lease of their buses in order to provide transportation for the Thibodaux Recreation Summer Youth Camp.

The City is responsible for hiring the drivers for the buses and we will be able to utilize the buses for summer camp transportation from June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 for a lease payment up to \$3,500.00. Due to the fact that the lease needed to be executed prior to the beginning of summer camp on June 3rd, the Mayor has signed the agreement, and the Council must now ratify the execution by ordinance in order to comply with the Home Rule Charter.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on an ordinance to ratify the Mayor's execution of a lease agreement with the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux as the owner of Edward Douglas White Catholic High School for the lease of their buses for the Thibodaux Recreation Summer Youth Camp for Transportation. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3033

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX AS THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF EDWARD DOUGLAS WHITE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE LEASE OF THEIR BUSES FOR THIBODAUX RECREATION SUMMER YOUTH CAMP TRANSPORTATION

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

WHEREAS, E.D. White High School owns two (2) buses that the City wishes to utilize in order to provide transportation for the Thibodaux Recreation Summer Youth Camp participants; and

WHEREAS, the City and E.D. White High School have negotiated a lease agreement outlining the terms and conditions under which the City will be able to utilize said buses; and

WHEREAS, the lease is made on a daily basis commencing on June 1, 2019 and expiring on June 30, 2019 in consideration of a lease fee up to \$3,500.00 payable at the end of the term of the lease; and

WHEREAS, due to the fact that all lease agreements must be authorized by ordinance in accordance with the Home Rule Charter, and that the summer youth camp begins on June 3, 2019, it was necessary for the Mayor to execute the aforesaid lease agreement prior to the public hearing on the authorization ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Mayor's execution of a lease agreement with the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for use of the E.D. White High School buses is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the said lease 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 18th day of June 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

A condemnation hearing was held for the following structures:

- a. 601 Arms Street – Matt Herpel, 502 Cherry Street, addressed the Council on behalf of the family asking for additional time in order to finish the succession and have a purchase agreement in place. The Council unanimously agreed to have them report back to the Council at the September 17, 2019 Council meeting.**
- b. 516 Pine Street – The Council unanimously adopted a motion to move forward with the condemnation of this property.**

The Mayor addressed a problem that occurred with the lift station on Susan Street and stated that the problem had been resolved. The Mayor also updated the Council on the two roundabout projects going on within the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President