

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
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JULY 8, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in special session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Monday, July 8, 2019 at 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

There were also present: Mayor Tommy Eschete and Beau Brooks

A discussion was held in reference to budget proposals for revenues, expenditures and/or projects for the 2020 Annual Budget in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 (A) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

Councilman Tabor “District A” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2020 Annual Budget:

- 1) Continuation of improvements on infrastructure.
- 2) Drainage improvements on People Street.
- 3) Monies available for the North Canal expansion.
- 4) Continuation of street light improvements and beautification on North Canal Boulevard.

Councilman Richard “District B” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2020 Annual Budget:

- 1) Monies to continue for road improvements.
- 2) Canal Boulevard landscaping improvements.
- 3) Continuation of Bike and Pedestrian Paths throughout the City.
- 4) Improvements for facilities at Andolsek Park.

Councilwoman Johnson “District C” stated that she would like the following items included in the 2020 Annual Budget:

- 1) Lighting added to areas on and around Ledet Street.
- 2) Sidewalks on Plantation and Talbot.

Councilman Naquin “District D” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2020 Annual Budget:

- 1) Monies for paving of the parking lot and bathhouse improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Pool.
- 2) Drainage improvements around the Caroline, Bradford and General Nicholls area.
- 3) Sidewalks on Arms and Jefferson.
- 4) A high water surplus vehicle.

Councilman Mire “District E” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2020 Annual Budget:

- 1) To address drainage issues in the North Thibodaux area, as well as, continuing the water line replacement project in this area.
- 2) City cameras to aid in crime prevention.

- 3) Continuation of street improvements and improvements on North Canal Boulevard.**

The Mayor addressed several items brought up by the Council. A discussion was held with regard to these items and upcoming projects that he will try to include in the 2020 Budget.

Councilwoman Johnson inquired about an incentive program for the Police Department and a discussion took place with the Mayor addressing her concerns.

Margarite Knight addressed the Council. She stated that:

- 1) The City needs to be pro-active when it comes to Economic Development and a plan for growth.**
- 2) Blighted areas could use some attention.**
- 3) Possible funding for Main Street Projects.**
- 4) Tourism needs to be addressed with regard to the use of the Harang Auditorium as well as the addition of a ramp or elevator to the facility.**

The Mayor addressed Mrs. Knight’s concerns and spoke about the possibility of annexing raw land in the future, working on revitalizing areas on South Canal Boulevard and working with Main Street and Friends of Bayou Lafourche on projects.

Cody Blanchard addressed the Council stressing the importance of continuing to create a walkable path within the City and around Bayou Lafourche.

The Mayor shared that ideas are in the works for plans to connect the east side to the west side of the City.

The Councilmembers thanked the Administration for there continued efforts with improvements being made throughout the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President