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, November 5, 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 October 15, 2019 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Finance Director presented the Council with the 2020 Annual Budget.

The Council unanimously adopted a motion setting the public hearing for the 2020 Annual Budget and the adoption of the Appropriation Ordinance at a special meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. It will immediately follow the regular Council meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Duplantis Design Group submitted Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Coastal Bridge Company, LLC for the 2019 City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvements Project to the City for approval.

The change order is being proposed in order to increase the project time by 53 days. The proposed change order changes the project completion date from September 18, 2019 to November 4, 2019.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with Coastal Bridge Company, LLC for the 2019 City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvement Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2240

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH COASTAL BRIDGE COMPANY, LLC FOR THE 2019 CITY OF THIBODAUX ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the City entered into a contract with Coastal Bridge Company, LLC for the 2019 City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase the project time by fifty-three (53) days, Change Order No. 1 is being proposed; and
WHEREAS, the proposed change order changes the contract completion date from September 18, 2019 to November 4, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 with Coastal Bridge Company, LLC in the amount mentioned above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said change order 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
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of November 2019.

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

The City executed an engineering contract with Duplantis Design Group for the 2019 Roadway Improvement Project. Due to the contractor delay, utility conflicts not identified by the contractor prior to construction, and the redesign of Glenwood Drive, it is necessary to amend this agreement in order to add $11,130.00 to the contract amount. The total for engineering services for this project would now be $142,043.56.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 to the professional services agreement with Duplantis Design Group for the 2019 City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvement Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2241

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DUPLANTIS DESIGN GROUP FOR THE 2019 CITY OF THIBODAUX ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Duplantis Design Group for the design of the 2019 City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer has proposed amendment #2 to the agreement due to contractor delay, utility conflicts not identified by the contractor prior to construction, and the redesign of Glenwood Drive improvements at a cost of $11,130.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute amendment #2 to the professional
services contract with the said Engineer for the services to be rendered.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute amendment #2 to the professional services agreement with Duplantis Design Group for the services rendered to the City in conjunction with the 2019 Roadway Improvement Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the said amendment 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  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of November 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City wishes to file an application for grant funds through the LA Office of Community Development for a Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Grant. The City will apply for funding to be utilized toward the cost of the installation of level sensors on the City’s water towers. The City is eligible to apply for up to $50,000 in grant funds, and will be requesting $32,000.00 for this project.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to file a grant application to through the Community Water Enrichment Fund with the Louisiana Office of Community Development. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2242**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of Thibodaux wishes to file a grant application through the Community Water Enrichment Fund with the Louisiana Office of Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Thibodaux is eligible to apply for up to $50,000 in grant assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will request a grant in the amount of $32,000 to help offset the cost of the installation of level sensors on the City’s Water Towers; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Mayor is hereby authorized to file a grant application with the Louisiana Office of Community Development for a Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant for the purpose stated herein.
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
ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of November 2019.

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

The City wishes to file an application for grant funds through the LA Office of Community Development for the FY 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant. The City will apply for funding to be utilized toward the cost of safety renovations to essential government buildings for the City of Thibodaux. The City is eligible to apply for up to $50,000 in grant funds from this program.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to file a grant application to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for a Louisiana Government Assistance Program Grant. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2243

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux will submit an application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development for a 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) in the amount of $50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used towards the cost of a renovations to essential government buildings for the City of Thibodaux; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby authorize the Mayor to submit an application to the Louisiana Office of Community Development for a 2019-2020 Local Government Assistance Program Grant to improve the safety of essential government buildings in the City of Thibodaux.

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
ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of November 2019.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant      /s/ Chad J. Mire
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.    Chad J. Mire, President
A representative from the Census Bureau contacted the City and requested to establish a partnership with the City to raise awareness for the 2020 Census. Jacques Thibodeaux will serve as the main contact for the City with the Census Bureau. He will work closely with Sarah Arceneaux to draft PSA’s to increase awareness and understanding of the 2020 census and encourage citizen participation.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to establish a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee to increase awareness and understanding about the 2020 Census and encourage participation. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2244

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

WHEREAS, federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based, in part, on census data and housing; and

WHEREAS, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is confidential and protected by law; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Complete Count Committee will work with the Census Bureau to strive for an accurate count; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Complete Count Committee will bring together a cross section of community members who will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to reach out to all persons of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Thibodaux establishes a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee to increase awareness and understanding about the 2020 Census and encourage people to participate in the 2020 Census.

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
ABSENT: None
And the above resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of November 2019.

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

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-12 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances–Sewer Service Charges. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 19, 2019.

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-26 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances–Natural Gas Rates. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 19, 2019.

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-43 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances–Water Rates. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 19, 2019.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Acadian Ambulance for emergency and non-emergency ground ambulance services. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 19, 2019.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 12-19 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances (Frequency of Charitable Gaming). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 19, 2019.

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with LUMCON’s Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program-Chimney Swift Towers Construction. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 19, 2019.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program-Chimney Swift Towers Maintenance. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 19, 2019.

Councilman Naquin introduced the Appropriation Ordinance for the Year 2020. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held immediately following the regular Council meeting on December 3, 2019.

The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed a request by GPS Hospitality Partners IV, LLC to re-zone property located at 201 East 2nd Street from an RB zone to a C1 zone. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the request.

Woody Falgoust, 1050 Canal Boulevard, addressed the Council on behalf of GPS Hospitality (owners of Burger King) in favor of the zoning change. He presented the Council with a sketch of the proposed changes. He also presented the Council with pictures showing the traffic congestion in this area at lunch.

A discussion continued between the Council and Mr. Falgoust concerning changing the zoning classification of this property. Mr. Falgoust stressed the concern of the safety and welfare of the community with regard to the traffic problem in this area.

Harold Block, 515 Canal Boulevard, Carey Goodroe, 304 East 2nd Street, Walter Naquin, 308 East 2nd Street, and John O’Rourke, 313 Narrow Street, all
addressed the Council in opposition of the zoning change stating that this would cause more noise, traffic, trash etc. in this area that is mostly residential.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map in accordance with Section 104 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning classification for a tract of property from an RB District to a C1 District (201 East 2nd Street). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

The ordinance failed with a vote 0-5.

A condemnation hearing was held for property located at 1018 and 1020 Lagarde Street.

A discussion took place between the Mayor, Assistant Public Work’s Director and the Council. The properties continue to be in a state of disrepair and therefore pose a threat to the safety and welfare of the citizens. The owner/owners of the property were not present at the meeting.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Naquin the Council voted on a motion to proceed with the condemnation of these properties. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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