

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

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, February 4, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Richard

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Mayor requested that Duplantis Design Group prepare an engineering contract which would authorize the design of road improvements on Bayou Lane from South Acadia Road to Menard Street.

In accordance with the provisions of the proposed contract, the City would pay engineering fees in a lump sum of \$54,296.34.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an engineering contract with Duplantis Design Group for the design of the Bayou Lane Road Improvement Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2257

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO SIGN AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH
DUPLANTIS DESIGN GROUP FOR THE DESIGN
OF THE BAYOU LANE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT***

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

WHEREAS, the City is planning to construct roadway improvements to Bayou Lane; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has selected Duplantis Design Group to perform the design and supervise the construction of the said project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a contract with the said engineering firm for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an engineering contract with Duplantis Design Group for the design of the Bayou Lane Road Improvement Project.

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: Tabor, Johnson, Mire, Naquin
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Richard

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Then City wishes to contract with Artisan pyrotechnics in order for them to provide the fireworks show for the 2020 Let Freedom Ring Festival. The City has obtained funding through the Lorio Foundation to cover the cost of this service in the amount of \$10,000.00.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. for the 2020 Let Freedom Ring Festival. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2258

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ARTISAN
PYROTECHNICS, INC. FOR THE 2020 LET FREEDOM RING
FESTIVAL***

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

WHEREAS, the City has secured funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Lorio Foundation to provide the fireworks show at Nicholls State University for the Let Freedom Ring Festival to be held on July 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to utilize the services of Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. to provide the fireworks show at the festival again this year; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a professional services contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. in order to outline the terms and conditions for the services to be rendered in conjunction with the fireworks show to be provided on July 4, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with Artisan Pyrotechnics, Inc. for the services outlined hereinabove.

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, Johnson, Mire, Naquin
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Richard

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-8 of the Thibodaux Code of Ordinances, it is the duty of the City Council to make appointments to the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Board. The appointments to the Fire Board are based on the recommendations made by each Fire Company.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the appointment of the 2020 TVFD Fire Board. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2259

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Fire Board is comprised of two members from each company in the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department along with a Chief, Asst. Fire Chiefs, Secretary and Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-8 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances the members of the said board must be appointed by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-8 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances does hereby appoint the following members to the Thibodaux Fire Board for the year 2020:

Fire Chief – Jeff Naul
Asst. Chief – Tony Boudreaux
Asst. Chief – Benton Foret
Asst. Chief – Todd Albert
Secretary – Donald Barrilleaux

Thibodaux Fire Company No. 1 – Josh R. Bourgeois & Ron Bourgeois
Protector Fire Company No. 2 – Michael Palmer & Kevin Gros
Home Hook & Ladder Fire Co – Chris Grabert & Steven Grabert
VCH Fire Co – Rodney Gauthreaux & Michael Delaune
North Thibodaux Fire Company – Josh Bourgeois & Rodney Tabor
South Thibodaux Fire Company – Mitch Benoit & Jerome Benoit
West Thibodaux Fire Company – Ronnie Chiasson & Ty Landry
Bowie Fire Company – Jimmy Ledet

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

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

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to approve the final plat for the re-division of Lot 3, Block 2 of West Side Subdivision belonging to Ridgefield Incorporated into Lot 3A and Lot 3B belonging to Innovative Homes, LLC. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on February 18, 2020.

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to approve a special exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a manufactured home in an R-4 Zoning District – 1356 Ledet Street. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on March 3, 2020.

The Finance Director has prepared Budget Amendment I to the 2020 Budget.

The proposed adjustments are being made to update budgeted numbers that were estimated during the budget approval process and to add new projects that were not included in the budget. The Mayor has certified that the additional funds are available for appropriation.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3053 “Appropriation Ordinance for the Year 2020” – Supplemental Appropriation I. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3064

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3053
“APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2020”-
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION I***

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

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1 of the Thibodaux City Charter indicates that the appropriation ordinance shall contain appropriations of the expenditures for each City Department; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3053 adopted by the City Council on December 3, 2019 approved appropriations for the 2020 Budget by line item; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 2 of the Thibodaux City Charter reads in part, "If during the fiscal year the Mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation, revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget, the Mayor may present a supplemental appropriation ordinance for the disposition of such revenues; and the Council may adopt it."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Thibodaux City Charter, that the following items as indicated are amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Mayor:

(Exhibit "A")

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

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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

In accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section (3)(E)(9) of the Thibodaux Home Rule Charter, the City Council may establish departments within the executive branch of the City.

Although the City does have an Emergency Preparedness Director, he serves as an administrative assistant since an Emergency Preparedness Department has never been created. Over the past 10 years, it has become apparent that the creation of such a department should take place.

Jacques Thibodeaux currently serves in the capacity of Emergency Preparedness Director as one of the Mayor's Administrative Assistants authorized under the provisions of Article IV, Section (2)(B) of the City Charter.

The Mayor is requesting that the Council consider creating the Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Department. In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section (2)(B)(13) of the Charter, this must be accomplished by the adoption of the appropriate ordinance. In addition, the director must be appointed by the Mayor and subject to Council confirmation. In accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section (2)(E) this individual cannot be included in the Civil Service System.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 2 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Section 2-17–Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Department. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3065

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 2 OF
THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO
CREAT SECTION 2-17 – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND
SPECIAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT***

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Chapter 2 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to create Section 2-17 to read as follows:

Sec. 2-15. – Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Department

There is hereby established an Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Department for the purpose of organizing and managing the resources and responsibilities for dealing with all aspects of emergencies including preparedness,

response, mitigation and recovery. This department will also be responsible for any special projects assigned by the Mayor including, but not limited to, process improvement and special administrative directives.

(a) The Mayor shall appoint a Director of Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects who shall be the head of the aforesaid department. The appointment of the director shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council. The salary of the director shall be fixed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council.

(b) The duties of the director are to develop procedures and plans to respond to natural disasters or other emergencies in order to minimize risk to people and property. The director must analyze resources, equipment, and staff available to respond to emergencies and coordinate with police departments, fire, emergency medical service, and/or public works agencies. In the event of an emergency, the director shall monitor and manage the emergency operations. After an emergency they must assess damage to their community and coordinate receiving assistance and supplies if necessary.

(c) The director shall also coordinate and facilitate all process improvement projects and administrative directives as assigned by the Mayor.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Richard

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Deanna Lafont, 502 Abby Road, addressed the Council stating that she would be on a special project with Entergy until September and that her replacement with Entergy for our area would be Kristin Batulis Masoner.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President