

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the February 4, 2020 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Finance Director presented the Monthly Financial Report as required by the State's Agreed-Upon Procedures for January 2020.

Ryan Perque conducted a presentation with an update on Friends of Bayou Lafourche Projects going on throughout the City of Thibodaux and surrounding areas.

A unanimous motion was adopted to reschedule the March 3, 2020 City Council meeting to Monday, March 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Student Government Day Program.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-8 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, it is the duty of the City Council to make the appointments to the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Board.

Bowie Fire Company No. 1 has selected its second member to serve as their representative on the Board for 2020.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the appointment of Jared Kees from Bowie Fire Company No. 1 as a member of the 2020 TVFD Fire Board. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2260**

***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***, Bowie Fire Company No. 1 selected its second member to serve on the 2020 Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department Fire Board; 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 member to the Thibodaux Fire Board for the 2020 term:

*Bowie Fire Company No. 1 – Jared Kees*

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

**YEAS:** Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The City would like to hire Utility Metering Solutions (UMS) to provide inspection, remediation and support services for our Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program for water and gas meters. The maintenance and support service contract will cover the City for a period of three years at a cost of \$20,000.00 per year. The contract also includes a field inspection and remediation of all water and gas meters in the City to be completed this year at a cost of \$20,000.00

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services contract with Utility Metering Services for water and gas meter inspection, remediation and support services. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

***RESOLUTION NO. 2261***

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY METERING SOLUTIONS – WATER AND GAS METER SUPPORT SERVICES***

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

***WHEREAS***, the City has implemented an electronic water and gas meter system with Utility Metering Solutions, LLC; and

***WHEREAS***, the Mayor wishes to enter into an agreement with Utility Metering Solutions for them to provide water and gas meter inspections, remediation, and support services for a period of three years at a total cost of \$80,000.00; and

***WHEREAS***, it is necessary to execute a contract with the said firm for the services mentioned hereinbefore.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Utility Metering Solutions for the services mentioned above.

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

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Mayor has submitted his nomination for the Director of the newly created Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Department. He wishes to appoint Mr. Jacques Thibodeaux to the position of Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Director effective immediately. The Mayor has recommended that the annual salary of Mr. Thibodeaux be set at \$64,341.00.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jacques Thibodeaux as Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Director. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2262**

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

**WHEREAS**, Article III, Section 3E(9) of the Thibodaux City Charter provides for the creation of departments not specifically created in the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid section of the City Charter, the City Council created the Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Department headed by a Director to be appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor wishes to appoint Mr. Jacques Thibodeaux to the position of Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Director at an annual salary of \$64,341.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. Jacques Thibodeaux as the Emergency Preparedness and Special Projects Director in accordance with the provisions of Article III, Section 3E(9) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

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

**YEAS:** Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Mayor has requested that Duplantis Design Groups prepare an agreement that would authorize the firm to provide engineering services to coordinate the design and permits for lighting improvements on North Canal Boulevard.

The proposed agreement stipulates that Duplantis Design Group will perform the aforesaid study for a lump sum of \$13,280.00.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services contract with Duplantis Design Group for the North Canal Boulevard Lighting Improvements. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

***RESOLUTION NO. 2263***

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DUPLANTIS DESIGN GROUP FOR NORTH CANAL BOULEVARD LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS***

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

***WHEREAS***, the City wishes to construct lighting improvements on North Canal Boulevard; and

***WHEREAS***, the Mayor has selected Duplantis Design Group to provide engineering services to coordinate design and permits for the aforesaid project for a lump sum fee of \$13,280.00; 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 aforementioned 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, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the City Council approve the final plat for the division of property located on the west side of Landry Street approximately 251 feet south of the intersection of St. Mary Street and Landry Street. The re-division is of Lot 3, Block 2 of West Side Subdivision into Lots 3-A and Lot 3-B.

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

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

***ORDINANCE NO. 3066***

***AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 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***

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

***WHEREAS***, the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Thibodaux has reviewed a request by David Waitz Engineering and Surveying, Inc for the approval of the final plat for the re-division of property located on the west side of Landry Street approximately 251 feet south from the intersection of St. Mary Street and Landry Street; and

***WHEREAS***, the proposed request involves the division of Lot 3, block 2 of West Side Subdivision belonging to Ridgefield Incorporated into Lot 3A and Lot 3B belonging to Innovative Homes; and

***WHEREAS***, the said commission has approved the aforesaid request and is recommending that the City Council concur with their recommendation; and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18-53 of the Thibodaux Subdivision Regulations, the final plat of this re-division should be accepted by the adoption of an appropriate ordinance.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED*** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that the final plat for the re-division of property located on the west side of Landry Street approximately 251 feet south for the intersection of St. Mary Street and Landry Street belonging Innovative Homes as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission is hereby accepted and approved as requested.

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that a copy of the final plat illustrating the said re-division is attached hereto 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, Mire, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None

**And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.**

**/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

**/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President**

**Kelly Chighizola, 400 Ashland Drive, addressed the Council congratulating Bill Lopez for his many years of public service as a volunteer on the Civil Service Police Officer Recruit & Promotional Oral Board. The Mayor presented Mr. Lopez with a Certificate of Appreciation.**

**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.**

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Mike Naquin, President**