

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

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

There were also present: Mayor Tommy Eschete.

Absent: Beau Brooks.

The minutes of the March 2, 2020 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Finance Director presented the financial report for February 2020 as required by the State's Agreed-Upon Procedures.

The Housing and Community Development Director stated that in order to get a better price for Happy Software that she utilizes to administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program; the City needs to sign a five-year agreement with the software company. The effective date for this agreement is March 1, 2020 for a term of five years and two months. The annual cost for the license, maintenance and SaaS services will be \$4,763.00.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with Happy Software, LLC, an MRI Software Company – Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2265

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH HAPPY SOFTWARE, LLC, AN MRI SOFTWARE
COMPANY – SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER
PROGRAM***

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

WHEREAS, the City's Section 8 Program utilizes Happy Software in the administration of our Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Director was able to secure a lower annual rate for the software license and maintenance, and Saas Services through the execution of a long term agreement with an annual cost of \$4,763.00 effective March 1, 2020 for a term of five (5) years and two (2) months; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a professional services agreement with Happy Software, LLC, an MRI Software Company for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement with Happy Software, LLC, an MRI Company for the services outlined above.

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, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 17th day of March 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Thibodaux Main Street, Inc.

The Council Administrator stated that only time sensitive and emergency business items would be included on the agendas during the Coronavirus outbreak.

An ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 2-9 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Annual Salary of the Mayor was pulled from the agenda.

An ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 7, Article VIII of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Section 7-95.6 Possession of Firearms was pulled from the agenda.

Councilman Mire introduced 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 – 302 Ridgefield Road (Beauty Salon).

Councilwoman Johnson introduced 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 R-3 District to a C-1 District (1317, 1313-A, 1313, vacant lot between 1313 & 1303 and 1303 St. Charles Street).

The Public Hearing on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on April 7, 2020.

The Lafourche Parish Government has approved a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in order for the Parish to provide funding to the City for our Recreation Programs.

The Parish collects a parish-wide tax millage for recreation, and since the City operates and maintains all of the parks within City limits, the Parish President has agreed to submit 95% of the funds paid by Thibodaux residents to the City to help with the operation costs for our parks. The City must enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Parish in order to outline the terms and conditions of this collaborative effort.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Government for Recreation Program Funding. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3068

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LAFOURCHE
PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR RECREATION PROGRAM
FUNDING**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux and the Parish desire to promote, develop, and improve the quality and availability of recreational services to the citizens of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, the Parish desires to provide funding to the City to assist the City in carrying out this public purpose and benefit; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is to recognize the City of Thibodaux as a public entity providing recreational services in lieu of a Parish Recreation District in order to provide an allocation of funding to the City from a parish-wide tax millage assessed for recreation services; and

WHEREAS, the Parish agrees to allocate the City an amount not less than 95% of the revenues generated within the City through the parish-wide recreation millage tax; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for Recreation Program Funding.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the said agreement 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, Mire, Naquin
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of March 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

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

The Emergency Preparedness Director addressed the Council and updated them on the Coronavirus Pandemic.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President