

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 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, August 4, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Mire.

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

Tiffani Dorsa and Suzanne Girior from Postlewaite & Netterville presented the draft of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 9-26 (A) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances (Safety Officer – Term of Office). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on August 18, 2020.

The Police Department has partnered with the Lafourche Parish Regional Training Academy for POST training for new hired officers. LPRTA has requested that all agencies utilizing their training facility enter into a formal agreement outlining the terms and conditions under which the Police Department will use the training academy.

The Chief indicated that as long as TPD has an officer assigned to the Academy that the officers are trained at no cost to the City. If an officer is not assigned to the academy, the City would pay a fee according to the fee schedule included in the agreement.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lafourche Parish Regional Training Academy and the Thibodaux Police Department – P.O.S.T. Training. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mire

ORDINANCE NO. 3085

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE
LAFOURCHE PARISH REGIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY AND
THE THIBODAUX POLICE DEPARTMENT – P.O.S.T. TRAINING***

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Police Department has partnered with the

Lafourche Parish Regional Training Academy (L.P.R.T.A.) operated under the authority of the Louisiana State P.O.S.T. Council and the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office to provide Peace Officer training and instruction in a basic law enforcement curriculum approved by the Louisiana State POST Council; and

WHEREAS, this agreement outlines the terms under which the Thibodaux Police Department will utilize the LPRTA for training of duly hired peace officers at the rate levels established in the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of this agreement become effective upon signing of both parties, and are to remain active and operable indefinitely, or upon filing of official notification of termination by either party.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lafourche Parish Regional Training Academy as outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding 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
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mire
ABSTAINED: None

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

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Council adopted Ordinance No. 3080 on June 2, 2020 in order to annex property along North Canal Boulevard (LA Hwy 20) owned by J. B. Levert Land Company. This annexation became effective on July 10, 2020.

The petition filed by Levert Land contained certain stipulations that the Mayor agreed to as a condition of the annexation. These stipulations included statements that Levert would be able to utilize City sewer service for the property, that they would not be required to utilize water and gas services from the City, that the City would assist with any right-of-way acquisitions that may be required for the property annexed along Highway 20, and that they would be exempt from City property taxes as long as property remained agricultural.

The Mayor, Council and Troy Bellanger, a representative of J.B. Levert, discussed several issues related to the stipulations included on the annexed property and how it may affect the City in the future.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to supplement Ordinance No. 3080 "An ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the City of Thibodaux to include certain portions of land adjacent thereto (J.B. Levert Land Company – North Canal Boulevard) – Annexations Conditions. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3086

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 3080 “AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF THIBODAUX TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PORTIONS OF LAND ADJACENT THERETO (J.B. LEVERT LAND COMPANY - NORTH CANAL BOULEVARD)”- ANNEXATION CONDITIONS

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3080 on June 2, 2020 annexing approximately 476 acres of vacant land along North Canal Boulevard (LA Hwy 20) as petitioned by the owner, J.B. Levert Land Company; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with LA R.S. 33:173, Ordinance No. 3080 became effective on July 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the petition for annexation contained stipulations on which the City of Thibodaux will adhere to as a condition for annexing the property

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that in accordance with the petition for annexation, the City of Thibodaux agrees to adhere to the following stipulations for the newly annexed property:

1. J.B. Levert Land Company, LLC, or its successors in title, shall be granted full sewer capacity for the land being annexed, and have the right to bring sewer to and utilize the City’s nearby waste water treatment facility to service the properties.
2. J.B. Levert Land Company, LLC, or its successors in title, shall not be required to utilize City water or natural gas in the development of approximately 174 acres of land bounding the west side of Louisiana Highway 20 on Abby Plantation, and shall be allowed to utilize existing utilities bounding the property. Notwithstanding the forgoing, should the City, at its sole cost and expense, extend water and/or natural gas service to this property, J.B. Levert Land Company, LLC agrees to utilize its services.
3. The City agrees to assist in the acquisition of and/or provide J.B. Levert Land Company, LLC with any right-of-ways for utilities that may be required to development the approximately 174 acres of land bounding the west side of Louisiana Highway 20 on Abby Plantation.
4. The annexed property is to be exempt from the City of Thibodaux property taxes as long as it remains in Agricultural use.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the petition for annexation 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, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mire

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of August 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. He also stated that he would have an update on the pre-budget requests from the Council and an updated list of abandoned houses at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President