

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 18, 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 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 August 4, 2020 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Finance Department presented the Council with the monthly financial report as required by the State's Agreed-Upon Procedures for July 2020.

The City auditors, Postlethwaite & Netterville, presented the Audit Report relative to the City's status for the period ending December 31, 2019.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to accept the 2019 Annual Audit and Financial Reports as presented by Postlethwaite and Netterville. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2291

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux City Charter requires that the City Council provide for an annual financial and compliance audit of the financial statements of the City of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, the audit shall be submitted to the Council in accordance with the provisions of State laws at a regularly scheduled meeting, or a special meeting, and shall be a public record; and

WHEREAS, a notice shall be published in the official journal within thirty (30) days of receipt of the audit report by the Council stating the availability of the report for inspection by the public in the office of the Council Administrator.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the 2019 financial and compliance audit performed by the firm of Postlethwaite & Netterville has been presented to the City Council as required by State Law and is hereby approved as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the 2019 Audit Report is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is 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 18th day of August 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the National Park Service, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve (Thibodaux Bayou Boardwalk Maintenance). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 1, 2020.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish School Board and the North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District for drainage improvements for the construction of the new Thibodaux Middle School. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 1, 2020.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Article II, Section 202 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance (Campus and Dormitory/Residence Hall Definitions). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 15, 2020.

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 508 Table 5.7 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance (Open Space and Campus Permitted and Conditional Uses - Dormitory). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 15, 2020.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to approve a special exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow an educational facility in an R-3 Zoning District – 902 Jackson Street (Thibodaux Playhouse, Inc. – Vocational Educational Facility). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 15, 2020.

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 manufactured home in an R-4 Zoning District – 1348 Ledet Street. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 15, 2020.

Councilman Richard 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 – 600 Jefferson Street (Massage Therapist). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 15, 2020.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to approve a special exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a specialty restaurant in a B-1 Zoning District – 1309 St. Charles Street (Snowball Stand). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on September 15, 2020.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of a special exception request by Louis Hebert for property located at 328-A and 328-B Tetreau Street.

Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance stipulates the process for granting a special exception to certain provisions contained in the zoning ordinance. This particular request is to allow a special exception in accordance with the provisions of the R-2 Zoning District Regulations in order to construct a two family dwelling at 328-A and 328-B Tetreau Street. The owner would like to construct a duplex on this 48' X 166' lot.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to approve a special exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a two family dwelling in an R-2 Zoning District – 328-A and 328-B Tetreau Street. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: Richard

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3087

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION
REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307 OF THE
THIBODAUX ZONING ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW A
TWO FAMILY DWELLING IN AN R-2 ZONING DISTRICT – 328-
A & 328-B TETREAU STREET**

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance, a special exception request has been filed with the Zoning Administrator by Louis Hebert for property located at 328-A and 328-B Tetreau Street which is designated as an R-2 Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the request was filed in order to request a special exception in accordance with the R-2 Zoning District regulations in order to construct a duplex on a 48' x 166' lot; and

WHEREAS, a request for a special exception was duly referred to the Thibodaux Planning and Zoning Commission on July 1, 2020 and the Commission is recommending approval of the request by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the aforesaid special exception request to allow a two family dwelling to be constructed in an R-2 Zoning District located at 328-A and 328-B Tetreau Street is hereby approved.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: Richard

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of August 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The TVFD Fire Board would like the Council to consider an ordinance to amend Section 9-26 (a) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances pertaining to the appointment and term of office for the fire department's Safety Officer.

The current ordinance establishes that a safety officer shall be elected by the newly elected Chief, Assistant Chiefs, Department Captains, Lieutenants, and Squad Directors and approved by the Fire Board. The proposed amendment states that a safety officer(s) shall be appointed by the Fire Chiefs and approved by the Fire Board. The one year term and election date remain the same.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 9-26 (A) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances (Safety Officer – Term of Office). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3088

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 9-26(A)
OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES (SAFETY
OFFICER – TERM OF OFFICE)***

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Section 9-26(A) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 9-26. Safety Officer.

(A) Term of Office. A safety officer(s) shall be appointed by the Fire Chiefs and approved by the Fire Board. The safety officer(s) shall serve at the pleasure of the fire board for a term of one (1) year, to be elected at the first line officers meeting after the annual meeting.

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 18th 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.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President