

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 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 October 6, 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 September 2020.

The City has received the new 2021 Fair Market Rents as published by HUD. The City now has to update our Section 8 Program Administration Plan so as to set the rental payment standard percentage of fair market rents based on the local rental market and funding availability. Effective January 1, 2021, the Section 8 payment standard will be set at 100% of FMR for 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms units and 103% of FMR for 4 bedroom units.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to adopt payment standards at 100% of the FMR for 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units, and 103% of FMR for 4 bedroom units effective January 1, 2021. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2299

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana approved the City's Section 8 Program Administrative Plan; and

WHEREAS, agencies are allowed to establish a payment standard at any level between 90% and 110% of the published fair market rent based on the local rental market; and

WHEREAS, due to the HUD published fair market rents for 2021, the City Office of Housing and Community Development has to update the said plan so as to set the rental payment standard percentage of the published fair market rent (FMR) based on the local rental market and funding availability; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Council to approve this amendment by means

of the adoption of an appropriate resolution

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby approve the amended Section 8 Program Administrative Plan so as to establish the new rental payment standard at 100% of FMR for one (1) bedroom units at \$705.00, 100% of FMR for two (2) bedroom units at \$897.00, 100% of FMR for three (3) bedroom units at \$1212.00, and 103% of FMR for four (4) bedroom units at \$1450.00 effective January 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the most recent fair market rents published in the Federal Register and the City of Thibodaux's amended Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Payment Standards are 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

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of October 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

In order for the City to comply with GASB 75, the City must obtain full actuarial valuation of post-employment benefits for the years 2020, 2022 and 2024 at a cost of \$6,000.00 per year and interim year valuations for years 2021, 2023 and 2025 at a cost of \$2,000.00 per year. The Finance Director requested that L&E Actuaries and Consultants prepare a professional services agreement to perform these services.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with L&E Actuaries and Consultants. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2300

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
WITH L&E ACTUARIES AND CONSULTANTS***

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

WHEREAS, The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 75, which addresses how state and local governments should account for and report their costs and obligations related to postemployment healthcare and other non-pension benefits; and

WHEREAS, in order to comply, the City will obtain full actuarial valuation of post-employment benefits for the years 2020, 2022, and 2024 at a cost of \$6,000.00

per year, and interim year valuations being performed for years 2021, 2023, and 2025 at a cost of \$2,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has selected L & E Actuaries and Consultants to prepare the GASB Statement No. 75 valuations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a professional services contract with the said company for the services to be rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a professional services contract with L&E Actuaries and Consultants for the services rendered to the City in conjunction with the GASB Statement No. 75.

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 20th day of October 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

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 manufactured home in an R-4 Zoning District. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 17, 2020.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 505 Table 5.1 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance (Residential District Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions-Personal Services Establishment in R-2 Districts). The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on November 17, 2020.

The City wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce for the promotion, encouragement and development of tourism and economic development of the City of Thibodaux.

The cooperative endeavor agreement provides for the City to provide funding to the Chamber an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a two (2) year period. \$5,000.00 of the funds will be payable on or before December 31, 2020 and \$5,000.00 on or before December 31, 2021.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3102

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE
THIBODAUX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce actively promotes tourism and economic development within the City of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide funding to the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce for the invaluable service it provides the City in the aforesaid arenas; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a two year period with \$5,000 payable on or before December 31, 2020 and the balance of \$5,000 payable on or before December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to provide the said funding, it is necessary to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement outlining the benefits to be received by the City of Thibodaux in exchange for the said funding; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the said cooperative endeavor agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce for the purposes, and under the conditions mentioned hereinabove.

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 20th day of October 2020.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Delta Authority has awarded the City funding through South Central Planning and Development in an amount of \$150,000.00. South Central Planning will receive \$5,555.00 for administration fees and the City's responsibility will be \$88,200.00. The funds are being used towards the cost for infrastructure improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. These funding amounts may change if the City receives any other grant funds for the same project.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant agreement with the Delta Regional Authority.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3103

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN
A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DELTA REGIONAL
AUTHORITY***

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

WHEREAS, the City has applied for funding assistance from the Delta Regional Authority through South Central Planning and Development for funding toward the cost of infrastructure improvements at the Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority has awarded a grant to the City in the amount of \$150,000.00 with \$5,555.00 administration fee going to South Central Planning and Development, and the City providing \$88,200.00 for this portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute an agreement with the Delta Regional Authority for grant funds mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to perform all duties, and execute all documents necessary for the administration of the grant award from Delta Regional Authority on behalf of the City of Thibodaux.

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
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 20th day of October 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 and a brief discussion took place in reference to these items.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President