

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 5, 2021**

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, January 5, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Tabor, Richard and Mire.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Johnson and Councilman Naquin.

The minutes of the December 15, 2020 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The City administers the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Due to the award of 40 Mainstream Vouchers funded by the CARES Act, the City's Housing and Community Development Director has to amend Chapter 4 - Waiting List and add Chapter 18 – Mainstream Voucher Program to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the amendments to Chapter 4 – Waiting List and Chapter 18 – Mainstream Voucher Program of the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan and authorizing the submission to HUD. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

RESOLUTION NO. 2306

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, amendments to Chapter 4 - Waiting List and the addition of Chapter 18 - Mainstream Voucher Program are required due to additional funding authorized by the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, due to the required changes made to the approved Administrative Plan it is necessary to submit a Revised Administrative Plan to the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Council to approve the Revised Administrative Plan for submission to HUD 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 Revised Section 8 Program Administrative Plan

so as to include updated inspection requirements to the City's Plan.

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

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

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of January 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The City wishes to enter into a Corporate Wellness Partnership Agreement with Thibodaux Regional Health System, Inc. in order for them to provide on-site wellness screens for City employees at our annual Health Fair.

The agreement stipulates that TRHS will provide all wellness screens at our annual health fair and at least semi-annual educational opportunities, such as lunch & learn events. There are minimal fees that will be assessed per employee that is not covered under our insurance plan that will be paid by the City as outlined in Exhibit A of the agreement.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Corporate Wellness Partnership Agreement with Thibodaux Regional Health System, Inc. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2307

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CORPORATE WELLNESS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THIBODAUX REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter a Corporate Wellness Partnership Agreement with Thibodaux Regional Health System (TRHS) in order for them to provide on-site wellness screens for the City of Thibodaux's Employee Health Fair; and

WHEREAS, the City will be responsible for certain fees as outlined in the agreement only for those employees not covered by the City's health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a Corporate Wellness Partnership Agreement with TRHS for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a Corporate Wellness Partnership Agreement

with Thibodaux Regional Health System (TRHS) for on-site wellness screens for the City of Thibodaux's Health Fair.

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, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 5th day of January 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The Mayor would like to partner with the Bayou Country Children's Museum in order to promote and develop educational activities and improve the quality and availability of educational and recreational services to the children of the City of Thibodaux.

The City will provide funding to the museum in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 on or before December 31, 2021, and the museum will allow free admission for all participants and counselors of the City's summer youth camp, and also provide free admission for City residents for one visit during each of five weeks during the year.

Mayor Eschete asked that the Council table this item until conditions of the agreement were worked out.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted to table on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Bayou Country Children's Museum until the January 19, 2021 Council meeting. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

The City wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control for capital outlay funds in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the replacement of the Canal Blvd. bridges and construction of the Menard Pedestrian/Bike Trail.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control (Replacement of Canal Boulevard Bridges and Construction of Menard Street Pedestrian/Bike Trail Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

ORDINANCE NO. 3117

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL (REPLACEMENT OF CANAL BOULEVARD BRIDGES AND CONSTRUCTION OF MENARD STREET PEDESTRIAN/BIKE TRAIL PROJECT)

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

WHEREAS, the City is in a position to acquire funding from the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control for Capital Outlay Funds in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the purpose of assisting the City with funding for the planning and construction of the Replacement of Canal Boulevard Bridges and Construction of the Menard Street Pedestrian/Bike Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, the State will reimburse the City for expenditures upon the receipt and approval of Costs Reports prepared by the City of Thibodaux certifying the expenses incurred; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective from the date of execution and shall be binding upon all parties and shall remain in effect until Facility Planning & Control determines that the project for which funds are appropriated is completed; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to acquire said funds from the State it is necessary to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning under the conditions mentioned hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of Thibodaux in all manners pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

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, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 5th day of January 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

Councilman Richard received several requests from residents on St. Joseph Street asking to make their street a one-way moving south from LA Hwy 1 to Menard Street.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 20-14 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section 34 (One-Way Street – St. Joseph Street). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3118

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 20-14 OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO CREATE SUB-SECTION 34 (ONE-WAY STREET – ST. JOSEPH STREET)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Section 20-14 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to create Sub-Section (34) to read as follows:

Sec. 20-14. One-way street ---At all times.

34) St. Joseph Street: Traffic shall move south from LA Hwy 1 to Menard Street.

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

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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 5th day of January 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The Building Inspector has inspected three structures and has deemed them to be substandard and posing a threat to the safety and welfare of the residents living in the neighborhoods where these structures are located.

In accordance with the provisions of LRS 33:4762, the City Council must afford the property owner(s) and residents the opportunity to speak on the proposed condemnation order. The City Attorney notified the property owners that the Council would conduct a hearing on the possible condemnation of their property at tonight's meeting.

A condemnation hearing was held for property located at 633 St. Charles Street.

Joseph Johnson addressed the Council asking for additional time to decide what could be done to the property.

A brief discussion took place between the Administration, Council and Attorneys representing the City.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a motion to condemn and demolish the property if no action was taken by June 30, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

A condemnation hearing was held for property located at 210 Sanders Street.

A brief discussion took place between the Administration, Council and Attorneys representing the City.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a motion to condemn and demolish the property if no action was taken by March 1, 2021. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

A condemnation hearing was held for property located at 303 North 13th Street.

A brief discussion took place between the Administration, Council and Attorneys representing the City.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a motion to condemn and demolish the property if no action was taken by March 1, 2021. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Johnson, Naquin

Jason Adams, 212 Rienzi Drive, addressed the Council asking that the speed limit on this street be reduced from 25 to 15.

A brief discussion took place with regard to other measures that might help to solve the problem.

The Mayor, Council and representatives from different projects discussed several projects going on throughout the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President