

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 19, 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 19, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the January 5, 2021 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Monthly Financial Report for December 2020 was presented to the Council as required by the State's Agreed-Upon Procedures.

The Mayor has requested that Duplantis Design Group prepare an agreement that would authorize the firm to provide engineering services to advance the Canal Blvd. Bridge Replacement Project through final design and permitting. Professional services for bidding and construction administration are not included in this proposal. Once the City determines funding sources and an anticipated start date for construction, a proposal will be submitted for those services.

The proposed agreement stipulates that Duplantis Design Group will perform the aforesaid services for an estimated fee of \$402,644.80 based on a percentage of construction costs currently budgeted at \$5,242,600.00 plus additional hourly reimbursable costs.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Duplantis Design Group for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2308

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DUPLANTIS DESIGN
GROUP FOR THE CANAL BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT***

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to replace the Canal Boulevard Bridges over Bayou Lafourche; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has selected Duplantis Design Group to provide engineering services to advance the project through final design and permitting for the aforesaid project with an estimated fee of \$402,644.80 based on a percentage of construction costs currently budgeted at \$5,242,600.00, plus additional hourly reimbursable costs; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a contract with the said engineering firm for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an engineering contract with Duplantis Design Group for the aforementioned project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said contract 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, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 19th day of January 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

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

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to approve the final plat for the re-division of Lot 1, Block 8 of Ridgefield Heights Subdivision, Addendum No. 1 into Lots 1-A & 1-B located on Lafaye Avenue.

The Public Hearings on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on February 2, 2021.

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

The Mayor asked that this item be pulled from the agenda due to changes made in the agreement.

The Mayor updated the Council on projects going on throughout the City and a brief discussion took place with the Emergency Preparedness Director relative to upcoming vaccination sites for the Covid-19 Vaccine.

The Council Administrator informed the Council of a possible conflict with the Mardi Gras Holiday relative to a meeting day and also informed them of an upcoming conference call to discuss Student Government Day.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President