

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
FEBRUARY 17, 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 Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

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

There were also present: Mayor Tommy Eschete.

Absent: Beau Brooks.

The minutes of the February 2, 2021 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Council Administrator informed the Council that the Financial Report for December had not closed and that it would be available at the next meeting.

The Louisiana State Legislative Auditor requires that the City complete a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

The questionnaire is completed by the Finance Director and her staff and then submitted to our auditors for review before final submission to the Legislative Auditor's Office.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to approve and adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2314

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

WHEREAS, the Office of the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana has presented to the City Administration a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to be completed by the Administration of the City of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, it is required by that office that the questionnaire be presented and adopted by the governing authority of the City of Thibodaux by means of the adoption of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has assured the City Council that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire has been completed in accordance with applicable law and that all the answers are true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire attached hereto as Exhibit

"A" is hereby approved and adopted as the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire of the City of Thibodaux for the year 2020.

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

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 17th day of February 2021.

**/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

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

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Friends of Bayou Lafourche, Inc.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to propose the amendment and re-enactment of Article III, Section 4(E) and Article IV, Section 6(A) of the Thibodaux City Charter (Elections and Civil Service Department).

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to approve the preliminary plat of Rienzi Village Townhomes, Addendum 5.

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

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to approve a special exception in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a Personal Services Establishment in an R-3 Zoning District – 1739 Himalaya Avenue (Beauty Salon).

The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on March 16, 2021.

In order for Entergy Louisiana to provide electric power service to the North Wastewater Treatment Plant, it is necessary to grant them exclusive 10' servitude for the installation and maintenance of the service lines and equipment.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Right-of-Way Agreement with Entergy Louisiana, LLC for service to the North Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3121

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH ENTERGY LOUISIANA,
LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELECTRIC POWER
SERVICE FOR THE NORTH THIBODAUX WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT***

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

WHEREAS, the City is constructing the new North Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant and desires to grant a ten (10') foot exclusive servitude to Entergy Louisiana, LLC in order to extend electric power service to the facility; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant the exclusive servitude in order for Entergy Louisiana to have access to the property for the location, construction, reconstruction, improvements, repairs, inspection, patrol, replacement and maintenance of electric power and communication facilities for the new wastewater treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the execution of the right-of-way agreement by the adoption of an appropriate ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the City does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute a right-of-way agreement with Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the construction and maintenance of the electric power service for the North Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the right-of-way 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, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of February 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement that was entered into with the Houma Police Department for the crime victim task force needs to be amended. The original agreement called for the City to be reimbursed \$27,500 of VOCAL Grant funding administered by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice. Under the amended agreement the City is eligible to receive \$16,250 in funding to pay overtime for this grant. All other terms of the original agreement remain in full force and effect.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Houma Police Department for the 2020 VOCAL Grant Task Force. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3122

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2020 VOCAL GRANT TASK FORCE

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Police Department wishes to cooperate with the Houma police Department for the purpose of establishing a Crime Victim Task Force and facilitating the application for funds available through the VOCAL Grant administered by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, in order for the aforesaid agencies to apply for the VOCAL grant funds it is necessary to have a written agreement between the agencies forming the crime victim task force; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Amended Agreement shall be effective for the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 plus a period of ninety-days in order to conclude administrative reporting requirements, with the city receiving \$16,250.00 in overtime pay reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish the crime victim task force, and the responsibilities of both parties, it is necessary to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Houma Police Department outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the public agencies; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to execute this proposed amended agreement it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Houma Police Department 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, Naquin, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None**

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of February 2021.

**/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

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

The agreement that the City entered into on June 16, 2020 with the Good Samaritan Food Bank of Thibodaux to provide funds to assist with their need for supplies for the low – moderate income population to prevent, prepare for and respond to the corona virus, needs to be amended.

The City received additional CDBG COVID-19 funds authorized by the CARES Act through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City will now provide \$75,349.00 of these funds to the food bank in order to help them provide food and supplies to the low – moderate population. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement remain in full force and effect.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #1 of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux Catholic Charities/Good Samaritan Food Bank of Thibodaux.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3123

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT WITH THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA/THIBODAU,
CATHOLIC CHARITIES, GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD BANK OF
THIBODAU**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux entered into an agreement with Good Samaritan Food Bank of Thibodaux on June 16, 2020 to provide funds to assist with their need for supplies for the low - moderate income population to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the corona virus; and

WHEREAS, the City has received additional CDBG COVID-19 funds authorized by the CARES Act through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the City will now provide \$75,349.00 in CDBG COVID-19 funds to the food bank in order for them to provide food and supplies to the low-moderate income population; and

WHEREAS, all other terms, conditions, and provisions of the original agreement shall remain the same and remain in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement amendment it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux, Catholic Charities, Good Samaritan Food Bank.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the said agreement amendment 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, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of February 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The agreement that the City entered into on June 16, 2020 with the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux, Catholic Charities to provide funds to assist with their rental/mortgage and utility assistance programs for the low – moderate income population to prevent, prepare for and respond to the corona virus, needs to be amended.

The City received additional CDBG COVID-19 funds authorized by the CARES Act through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City will now provide \$78,976.05 of these funds to Catholic Charities in order to help them provide rental/mortgage and utility assistance to the low – moderate population. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement remain in full force and effect.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux, Catholic Charities. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3124

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT WITH THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA/THIBODAU, X,
CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux entered into an agreement with the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux, Catholic Charities on June 16, 2020 in order to provide funds to assist with their rental/mortgage and utility assistance programs for the low - moderate income population to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the corona virus; and

WHEREAS, the City has received additional CDBG COVID-19 funds authorized by the CARES Act through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the City will now provide \$78,976.05 in CDBG COVID-19 funds to Catholic Charities in order for them to provide rental/mortgage and utility assistance to the low-moderate income population; and

WHEREAS, all other terms, conditions, and provisions of the original agreement will remain in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement amendment it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Diocese of Houma Thibodaux, Catholic Charities.

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, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of February 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City wishes to enter into a Sponsor/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Obstruction Removal – Runway 26 at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport.

The City has requested funding assistance from LA DOTD for the project and the project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD.

The LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for this project and reimburse the City up to \$100,000.00 of the project cost.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Department of Transportation and Development for Obstruction - Removal Runway 26 at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3125

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OBSTRUCTION
REMOVAL - RUNWAY 26 AT THE THIBODAUX MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT**

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

WHEREAS, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux has requested funding assistance from LA DOTD for Obstruction Removal - Runway 26 at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the City of Thibodaux according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the Obstruction Removal - Runway 26 and reimburse the sponsor up to \$100,000.00 of the project cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for the project identified as SPN H.014586, more fully identified in the agreement attached hereto and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of February 2021.

**/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

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

The Mayor updated the Council on projects going on throughout the City and the Emergency Preparedness Director updated the Council on the vaccines relative to Covid.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President