

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
JULY 20, 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, July 20, 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 July 6, 2021 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Finance Director presented the Council with the June 2021 Monthly Financial Report as required by the States Agreed-Upon Procedures.

The City utilizes the wetlands enhancement process as an additional means of treatment of City sewerage.

Since this process was approved, the City was required to monitor the effectiveness of the program in accordance with the provisions of our LPDES Discharge Permit.

The City has received a proposal from the Nicholls State University Department of Biological Sciences to provide the required monitoring service for year June 1, 2021 thru July 31, 2022 at a cost of \$29,096.00.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional service contract with Nicholls State University for the wetlands assimilation monitoring for the Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2337

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH NICHOLLS
STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE WETLANDS ASSIMILATION
MONITORING FOR THE THIBODAUX WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT***

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux has employed an approved process of wetlands enhancement wastewater treatment utilized as a means of tertiary treatment of City sewerage; and

WHEREAS, under the permit for this process, the City contracted with Nicholls

State University for the monitoring requirements dictated by the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit; and

WHEREAS, Nicholls State University has proposed to continue to perform the said monitoring program for the period June 1, 2021 thru July 31, 2022 at a cost of \$29,096.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a professional services contract with the Nicholls State University Department of Biological Sciences for the services mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Nicholls State University for the monitoring of wastewater assimilation in conjunction with the wetlands enhancement LPDES Permit requirements.

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

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of July 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City received bids on June 29, 2021 for the 2020 CDBG Project that includes the construction of the extension of sidewalks from South Barbier to Tiger Drive with drainage improvements as needed, as designed by David Waitz Engineering.

The lowest responsible bid was received from Byron E. Talbot, Inc. with the bid in the amount of \$136,562.50. The Engineer is recommending that the City Council accept the low bid from Byron E. Talbot Contractors and authorize the Mayor to execute the construction contract with the contractor.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to accept the low bid of Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for the 2020 CDBG Project-construction of extension of sidewalks from South Barbier to Tiger Drive and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract therewith. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2338

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF BYRON E. TALBOT CONTRACTOR, INC. FOR THE 2020 CDBG PROJECT-CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSION OF SIDEWALKS FROM SOUTH BARBIER TO TIGER DRIVE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREWITH

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

WHEREAS, the City has received bids for the 2020 CDBG Project which includes the construction of the extension of sidewalks from South Barbier to Tiger Drive along Talbot Avenue and addressing drainage as needed; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsible bid was received from Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. with the bid in the amount of \$136,562.50; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to consider the acceptance of the low bid and execute a contract with the said contractor for the services mentioned hereinbefore.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City does hereby accept the low bid submitted by Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$136,562.50.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Byron E. Talbot Contractor, Inc. for the project stated herein.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of July 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 the Lafourche Parish Government for the Transportation Revenue Program. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on August 3, 2021.

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 – 1352 Ledet Street. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on August 17, 2021.

The City currently has a 25' sewer force main servitude along Emporium Avenue near the intersection of Audubon Avenue and South Acadia Road. The property owners, Acadia Agricultural Holdings has hired T. Baker Smith to petition the City Council to approve a reduction of this servitude to 15'. The engineer has located the sewer force main and determined that a 15' servitude would be adequate for the City to have access for maintenance and repairs, and would also allow the property owners to gain additional usable square footage on their property.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a plat reducing a twenty-five (25') foot sewer force main servitude to fifteen (15') feet along Emporium Avenue on property owned by Acadia Agricultural Holdings, LLC. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3164

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PLAT REDUCING A TWENTY-FIVE (25') FOOT SEWER FORCE MAIN SERVITUDE TO FIFTEEN (15') FEET ALONG EMPORIUM AVENUE ON PROPERTY OWNED BY ACADIA AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS, LLC

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

WHEREAS, the City currently has a twenty-five (25') foot servitude for a sewer force main along Emporium Avenue near the intersection of Audubon Avenue and South Acadia Road; and

WHEREAS, the property owners, Acadia Agricultural Holdings, LLC has hired T. Baker Smith to petition the City Council to approve a reduction in this servitude to fifteen (15') feet; and

WHEREAS, the engineer has located the sewer force main and determined that a fifteen (15') foot servitude will allow the City access for repairs and maintenance to the force main, and also allow the property owners to gain additional usable square footage on its property; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a servitude reduction plat for Acadia Agricultural Holdings, LLC so as to reduce the twenty-five (25') foot sewer force main servitude to fifteen (15') feet along Emporium Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the revocation plat is attached hereto 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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 20th day of July 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Finance Director has prepared Budget Amendment I to the 2021 Budget.

The proposed adjustments are being made to update budgeted numbers that were estimated during the budget approval process, and to add new projects that were not included in the budget. The Mayor has certified that the additional funds are available for appropriation.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 3111 "Appropriation Ordinance for the Year 2021" – Supplemental Appropriation I (Mid-Year). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3165

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 3111
"APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE YEAR 2021"-
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION I (MID-YEAR)**

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

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1 of the Thibodaux City Charter indicates that the appropriation ordinance shall contain appropriations of the expenditures for each City Department; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3111 adopted by the City Council on December 1, 2021 approved appropriations for the 2021 Budget by line item; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 2 of the Thibodaux City Charter reads in part, "If during the fiscal year the Mayor certifies that there are available for appropriation, revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget, the Mayor may present a supplemental appropriation ordinance for the disposition of such revenues; and the Council may adopt it."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Thibodaux City Charter, that the following items as indicated are amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Mayor:

(Exhibit "A")

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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 20th day of July 2021.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

A condemnation hearing was held for property located at 318 North 13th Street. No action was taken from the Council because notifications requirements were not met.

Delores Jones 922 St. Charles Street, addressed the Council about the tall grass and accumulated trash at the City Barn.

Larry Bonvillian, 1725 Midland Drive and Betty Woods, 1727 Midland Drive, addressed the Council about speeding and flooding in their neighborhood.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President