

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
JANUARY 4, 2022**

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 4, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

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

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the December 21, 2022 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Project Engineer, David Waitz, has submitted Change Order No. 1 for the Replacement of the Ultraviolet Light System at the Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant to the City for approval.

This change order is being proposed in order to include a UV light addition in order to account for an increase in demand for sewer treatment. The proposed change order increases the contract price by \$159,253.00 thereby making the total contract price \$381,253.00.

David Waitz, 1107 Canal Boulevard, addressed the Council explaining the need for the change order.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for the Replacement Ultraviolet Light System at the Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2357

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE
ORDER NO. 1 WITH SEALEVEL CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT SYSTEM AT 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 entered into a contract with Sealevel Construction, Inc. for the Replacement of Ultraviolet Light System at the Thibodaux Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, in order to include a UV light addition in order to account for an increase in demand for sewer treatment, Change Order No. 1 is being proposed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change order increases the contract price in the amount of \$159,253.00 over the current contract amount for a total contract price of \$381,253.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 with Sealevel Construction, Inc. in the amount mentioned above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said change order 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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of January 2022.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The City would like to continue to participate with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office in the operation of a Children's Advocacy Center to be utilized by the Thibodaux Police Department for investigative services for victims of child abuse or neglect.

The proposed agreement is for the Year 2022, and stipulates that the Sheriff's Office will hire the personnel necessary to operate the Children's Advocacy Center, and the City will provide \$10,000.00 to offset the costs incurred by the Sheriff for this service. In order to cooperate with the Sheriff's Office for the Children's Advocacy Center, it is necessary to execute an Interagency Agreement stipulating the responsibilities of all parties involved.

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 Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office for the operation of the Children's Advocacy Center. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3193

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LAFOURCHE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

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

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to provide protection and investigative services for the child victim of abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, in order to lessen the duplication of services the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office will provide funding to hire the personnel necessary to operate a Children's Advocacy Center to be utilized by the Thibodaux Police

Department; and

WHEREAS, the City will provide funding an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the year 2022 to offset the costs incurred by the Sheriff's Office; 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 do so by the adoption of an ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office 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 4th day of January 2022.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Jeremy Rougeau, 824 Jackson Street, addressed the Council and Mayor about an ongoing issue with Thibodaux Playhouse continuing to operate while in violation of the zoning ordinance. He stated that the Police were called and they said that the Playhouse had not been cited.

The Mayor stated that Thibodaux Police did respond but didn't have enough information to cite them. He also said that the Administration is gathering information to present to the City Prosecutor.

A discussion took place between Councilman Naquin, Councilwoman Johnson and the Mayor on what actions could be taken to avoid these issues in the future.

Kelly Maggio, 116 West 9th Street, addressed the Mayor relative to rescinding the Thibodaux Playhouse Ordinance that allows the special exception. The Mayor stated that any ordinance could be rescinded. She also asked him if he had rescinded the alcohol permit and he stated that he did call the Department of Alcohol and Tobacco and they stated that they wouldn't recall the permit.

Damon Stenz, 116 Ashton Drive, addressed the Council on behalf of Thibodaux Playhouse. He stated that this was a private event in which Kelly Maggio was not invited and should not have been on the property. He continued to express his views on why they decided to hold the event regardless of being in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Councilman Naquin asked Mr. Stenz about switching from a public to private event and stated that in his opinion the event was open to the public and advertised that way. He also stated that the Council voted under the assumption

that the facility was going to be used as stated in the application and questioned why the proper procedures weren't followed when they decided to open to the public.

Mr. Stenz stated that he would like to re-visit the possibility of going before the Planning and Zoning Commission at a later date.

The Mayor asked that Kelly Maggio let the Police Department and the Administration handle these matters in the future.

The Mayor updated the Council on storm debris cleanup. He also stated that they were going to address issues that took place over the weekend relative to the Daiquiri Shop that recently opened on St. Mary Street.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

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Mike Naquin, President**