

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
AUGUST 6, 2024**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday August 6, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilwoman Crochet, Councilmen Richard, Taylor, and Naquin.

There were also present: City Attorney, Beau Brooks.

Absent: Councilman Mire and Mayor Kevin Clement.

The minutes of the July 16, 2024 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Mayor is interested in applying for grant funds under the State Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation Grant Program. The purpose of the grant application is to acquire funding to make improvements to the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. The total estimated cost of the proposed FY 2025 - 2029 improvements to the airport is \$5,726,704.00.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to submit a Capital Improvement Plan approved by the FAA and DOTD to the State of Louisiana which outlines the specific future development of the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mire

***RESOLUTION NO. 2583***

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

***WHEREAS***, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

***WHEREAS***, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

***WHEREAS***, the City of Thibodaux, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor", has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated herewith to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

**WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**SECTION I**

**That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport specifically as described in the Application for State Financial Assistance:**

**SECTION II**

**That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.**

**SECTION III**

**That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.**

**SECTION IV**

**That the Mayor, Kevin R. Clement, of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Council Administrator is hereby authorized to attest said execution.**

**SECTION V**

**That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.**

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

**YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAINED: None**

**ABSENT: Mire**

**And the above resolution was declared adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.**

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

**/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President**

**The Housing and Community Development Director requested that David Waitz Engineering prepare an agreement that would authorize the firm to prepare the plans and specifications for the 2024 CDBG Project that includes the construction of sidewalks on Bobby Street from Tiger Drive to Midland Drive, and addressing drainage as needed.**

The proposed agreement stipulates that David Waitz Engineering will perform the duties associated with the aforesaid project for a lump sum payment of \$28,704.18 with additional services in the amount of \$21,000.00 and up to \$1,500.00 in reimbursable costs.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an Engineering Contract with David Waitz Engineering for the 2024 CDBG Project – Sidewalk Construction on Bobby Street from Tiger Drive to Midland Drive, and addressing drainage as needed. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mire

***RESOLUTION NO. 2584***

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH DAVID WAITZ ENGINEERING FOR THE 2024 CDBG PROJECT - SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ON BOBBY STREET FROM TIGER DRIVE TO MIDLAND DRIVE, AND ADDRESSING DRAINAGE AS NEEDED***

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

***WHEREAS***, the 2024 CDBG Project will provide for the construction of sidewalks on Bobby Street from Tiger Drive to Midland Drive, and addressing drainage as needed; and

***WHEREAS***, David Waitz Engineering has been selected to prepare the plans and specifications, and assist in the bidding and construction phases of the project; 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 David Waitz Engineering 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:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mire

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The City received bids on July 11, 2024 for the Thibodaux Municipal Airport Pavement Seal Coat and Marking Project that was designed by T. Baker Smith.

The lowest responsible bid was received from Sunbelt Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$153,625.00. The project engineer has recommended that the City accept the low bid as submitted, and authorize the award of the construction contract.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution to accept the low bid of Sunbelt Sealing, Inc. for the Thibodaux Municipal Airport Pavement Seal Coat and Marking Project and authorizing the Mayor to execute the construction contract therewith. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mire

***RESOLUTION NO. 2585***

***A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF SUNBELT SEALING, INC. FOR THE THIBODAUX MUNICIPAL AIRPORT PAVEMENT SEAL COAT AND REMARKING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT THEREWITH***

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

***WHEREAS***, the City received bids on July 11, 2024 for the Thibodaux Municipal Airport Pavement Seal Coat and Marking Project; and

***WHEREAS***, the low bid was received from Sunbelt Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$153,625.00; and

***WHEREAS***, the project engineer, T. Baker Smith, has recommended that the City accept the low bid as submitted by Sunbelt Sealing, Inc.; and

***WHEREAS***, it is necessary to consider the acceptance of the low bid and authorize the Engineer to award the contract with the said contractor for the project mentioned hereinbefore.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the City does hereby accept the low bid submitted by Sunbelt Sealing, Inc. in the amount of \$153,625.00.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the construction contract with Sunbelt Sealing, Inc. for the project as stated herein.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that a copy of the engineer's recommendation and bid tabulation 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:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mire

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Council previously adopted an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Act of Donation with AMO Rentals for the triangle piece of property across from

Rox's Bar. Matt Ory has informed the Mayor that the ownership of that parcel of property is actually with Facowee, Inc., and not AMO Rentals. Therefore, a new Act of Donation was presented to the City for execution.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Act of Donation with Facowee, Inc. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Mire

***ORDINANCE NO. 3352***

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ACT OF DONATION WITH FACOWEE, INC.***

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

***WHEREAS***, Facowee, Inc. owns the downtown triangle property located between LA Hwy 1, St. Philip Street, and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, which is located directly across from Rox's Bar; and

***WHEREAS***, Facowee, Inc. wishes to donate the said property to the City of Thibodaux in order to construct a public entertainment area downtown to be owned and maintained by the City; and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 2 (A) (1) (d) of the City of Thibodaux Home Rule Charter, this donation should be accepted by the adoption of an ordinance; and

***WHEREAS***, in order to accept the donation of the aforementioned property, it is necessary to execute an Act of Donation between the City of Thibodaux and Facowee, Inc.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED*** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to accept and execute an Act of Donation with Facowee, Inc. for the donation of property as outlined herein.

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that a copy of the said Act of Donation 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:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Mire

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Mayor would like to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with Lafourche Parish Government in order to provide \$23,308.00 to the Parish towards the cost of their Diplomat Way Bank Stabilization Project, which will help with drainage improvements for City residents in that area. The Parish will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of this project, and will be responsible for any additional funds required to complete it.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Government for assistance with the construction of the Diplomat Way Bank Stabilization Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mire

**ORDINANCE NO. 3353**

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DIPLOMAT WAY BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT***

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

***WHEREAS***, the City and Lafourche Parish Government are desirous of entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in order to provide assistance for the construction of the Diplomat Way Bank Stabilization Project; and

***WHEREAS***, The City will provide an amount not to exceed \$23,308.00 towards the costs associated with the construction of this project; and

***WHEREAS***, the Parish will be responsible for hiring a contractor to complete this project and will provide all additional funding required for the completion of the project; and

***WHEREAS***, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

***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 Government to provide funding to assist the Parish with the construction of the Diplomat Way Bank Stabilization Project.

***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:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Mire

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The City owns the parking lot at the corner of West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Green Street, and has had an agreement with the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court for the last 5 years for them to use the parking lot for their employees in order to help with the limited parking downtown.

The original agreement expires on July 31, 2024, and the Mayor and Clerk of Court have agreed to execute a new agreement for another 5 year term from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2029.

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court for the use of the parking facility located at the intersection of West 4<sup>th</sup> and Green Street. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Mire

**ORDINANCE NO. 3354**

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
WITH THE LAFOURCHE PARISH CLERK OF COURT  
FOR THE USE OF THE PARKING FACILITY LOCATED  
AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST 4<sup>TH</sup> AND GREEN  
STREET***

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

***WHEREAS***, for a public purpose, the City and the Clerk of Court Office may enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with each other; and

***WHEREAS***, there is very limited public parking available in the downtown area; and

***WHEREAS***, the Clerk of Court and the City desire to work together to provide the public with adequate parking to access governmental facilities and retail businesses; and

***WHEREAS***, the public purpose is described as: Providing an off-street parking facility for the Clerk of Court Office employees so as to give better access to on-street public parking for the period of August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2029; and

***WHEREAS***, in order for the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Clerk of Court, it is necessary for the City Council to adopt an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to do so.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED*** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Clerk of Court Office for the use of the off-street parking facility as outlined in the agreement.

***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:** Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin

**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAINED: None**  
**ABSENT: Mire**

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of a special exception request by Larry J. Cole, Jr. for property located at 263 Sanders Street.

Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance stipulates the process for granting a special exception to certain provisions contained in the zoning ordinance. This particular request is to allow a special exception in accordance with the provisions of the R-4 Zoning District Regulations in order to allow a manufactured home at this location.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on 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 – 263 Sanders Street. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAINED: None**  
**ABSENT: Mire**

***ORDINANCE NO. 3355***

***AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 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 – 263  
SANDERS STREET***

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

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with the provisions of Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance, a special exception request has been filed with the Zoning Administrator by Larry J. Cole, Jr. for property located at 263 Sanders Street which is designated as an R-4 Zoning District; and

***WHEREAS***, the request was filed in order to request a special exception in accordance with the R-4 Zoning District regulations in order to allow a manufactured home at this location; and

***WHEREAS***, a request for a special exception was duly referred to the Thibodaux Planning and Zoning Commission on July 3, 2024 and the Commission is recommending approval of the request by the City Council.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED*** by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the aforesaid special exception request to allow a manufactured home to be placed in an R-4 Zoning District located at 263 Sanders Street is hereby approved.

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

**YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin**



**NAYS: None**  
**ABSTAINED: None**  
**ABSENT: Mire**

**And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.**

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

**/s/ Mike Naquin**  
**Mike Naquin, President**

**The Chief of Police worked with the Mayor's Assistant, and they submitted a draft of the changes he would like to propose.**

**Some of the main points that he was proposing to change are adding and updating definitions, lowering the allowed height of the floats, removing the use of tractors and only allowing trucks to pull floats, prohibiting the use of horses, and not allowing Krewes that are forced not to parade on their day beyond their control to parade on an alternate date. The proposal also requests an increase in the permit fee, which was not included in the final draft so that the Council can discuss and propose a permit fee at the public hearing.**

**The Mayor met with members from a couple of the Krewes with some concerns about the proposed Mardi Gras Ordinance that was based on the Chief's recommendations. Based on those discussions, the Mayor has requested a few adjustments to the proposed ordinance.**

**Some of the main points that the Mayor changed is to leave the 16 foot float height limit as is, instead of lowering it to 13 feet 6 inches. He requested an increase of \$50 to the permit fee, making next years' fee \$250.00. Instead of not allowing any parades to reschedule, the wording was changed to say that the permit may be changed to Mardi Gras Day only with permission of the Police Chief. The last clarification that was made was that the minimum age of 8 years old was moved out of its own Section, and put under the requirements for the marching and dance clubs. Children 8 and under are allowed to ride in cars or floats.**

**Several members of various Mardi Gras Krewes addressed the Council with concerns and a discussion took place.**

**The Council agreed that rather than making over a dozen amendments to the ordinance, they would present an updated version of the ordinance at a future meeting.**

**On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 4, Article II of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Mardi Gras Parades. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: None**  
**NAYS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin**  
**ABSTAINED: None**  
**ABSENT: Mire**

**This item failed with a vote of 0-4.**

**Vic Lafont, 533 Goode Street, addressed the Council and thanked the City of Thibodaux for its hard work throughout the years.**

**There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

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**Mike Naquin, President**