

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

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, September 3, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

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

There were also present: Mayor Kevin Clement and Beau Brooks.

Absent: None

The minutes of the August 20, 2024 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Fire Department intends to issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$6,000,000 to finance the construction of the new Central Operations Center. Because the Fire Department provides fire protection within the jurisdiction of the City of Thibodaux, the City must authorize and conduct a public hearing on behalf of the fire department in connection with the bond issuance.

Their Bond Counsel, Brennan Black with Foley and Judell, has provided the Council Administrator with the appropriate resolution that will authorize the publication of the notice of public hearing. That notice will be published once the date and location are established.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the City of Thibodaux to hold a public hearing on behalf of the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. in connection with the issuance of bonds by the Department; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2586

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
THIBODAUX TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON
BEHALF OF THE THIBODAUX VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND
PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.***

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

WHEREAS, Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (the "Department") is a nonprofit corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana (the "State"); and,

WHEREAS, the Department provides fire protection within the jurisdiction of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana (the "City"); and,

WHEREAS, the City is a political subdivision of the State; and,

WHEREAS, the Department intends to issue not exceeding \$6,000,000 of bonds, promissory notes, or other evidences of indebtedness (the "Bonds") for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and/or improvement of the Central Operations Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Bonds have been approved by the Louisiana State Bond Commission; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to hold a public hearing for the Bonds as required by the Internal Revenue Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City now desires to authorize the holding of a public hearing for the Bonds on behalf of the Department and to provide for other matters in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City hereby approves and authorizes the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing and does hereby further approve and authorize the conducting of a public hearing for the Bonds following such publication in accordance with the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council Administrator are hereby further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City, to execute and deliver all such documents, certificates and other instruments as may be required to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted on this 3rd day of September 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Project Engineer, Total Project Services, has submitted Change Order No. 1 for the Andolsek Park Turf Football Field Project.

This change order is needed to include an additional line item to include the "Thibodaux" turf end zone lettering to the project. The proposed change order increases the contract amount by \$34,881.00, making the total contract amount \$970,781.00.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 with LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC for the Andolsek Park Turf Field Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2587

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH LA CONTRACTING ENTERPRISE, LLC FOR THE ANDOLSEK PARK TURF FIELD PROJECT

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 LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC for the construction of a turf football field at Andolsek Park; and

WHEREAS, due to the addition of a line item to include the “Thibodaux” turf end zone lettering, Change Order No. 1 is being proposed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change order increases the contract amount by \$34,881.00, thereby making the total contract amount \$970,781.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 with LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC as 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: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of September 2024.

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

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin,

The City administers the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The City has received the new 2025 fair market rents as published by HUD. The City now has to update our Section 8 Program Administration Plan so as to set the rental payment standard percentage of fair market rents based on the local rental market and funding availability. Effective January 1, 2025, the Section 8 payment standard will be set at 110% of FMR for 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom units. In order to establish the new revised payment standards they must be approved and adopted by the City Council in the form of a resolution.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to adopt payment standards at 110% of the Fair Market Rent for 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom units effective January 1, 2025 for re-certifications, and October 1, 2024 for all move ins. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2588

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

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana approved the City's Section 8 Program Administrative Plan; and

WHEREAS, agencies are allowed to establish a payment standard at any level between 90% and 110% of the published fair market rent based on the local rental market; and

WHEREAS, due to the HUD published fair market rents for 2025, the City Office of Housing and Community Development has to update the said plan so as to set the rental payment standard percentage of the published fair market rent (FMR) based on the local rental market and funding availability; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Council to approve this amendment by means of the adoption of an appropriate resolution

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby approve the amended Section 8 Program Administrative Plan so as to establish the new rental payment standard at 110% of FMR for one (1) bedroom units at \$1027.00, 110% of FMR for two (2) bedroom units at \$1260.00, 110% of FMR for three (3) bedroom units at \$1520.00, and 110% of FMR for four (4) bedroom units at \$1670.00 effective January 1, 2025 for all re-certifications, and October 1, 2024 for all new leases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Thibodaux's amended Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Payment Standards are 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, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 3rd day of September 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Lafourche Parish Government and the State of Louisiana as a recipient of funding through the Hurricane Ida Recovery Fund.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to ratify the Mayor's execution of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Funds for the Thibodaux Municipal Airport.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance to ratify the Mayor's execution of a Right-of-Way Agreement with Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the relocation of electric power service for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Franchise Agreement with Reserve Telecommunications for cable television services.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Franchise Agreement with Eatel Video, LLC for telecommunications network services.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-12 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Sewer Service Charges.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-26 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Natural Gas Rates.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-43 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Water Rates.

The Public Hearing on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on September 17, 2024.

The Lafourche Parish Assessor’s Office has notified the City that it is time to consider the adoption of an ordinance to levy the City’s ad valorem tax millages for the year 2024.

The millage assessments were adjusted for 2024 based on the statewide reassessment that was conducted this year. Due to an increase in the City’s Taxable Property Valuation, our millage rates were rolled back so that we collect the same revenue as last year. We will have the option to roll forward to our prior year’s maximum millage rate before the next reassessment is conducted.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on an ordinance to adopt the Ad Valorem Tax Millages for the Year 2024. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3356

***AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AD VALOREM TAX
MILLAGES FOR THE YEAR 2024***

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Thibodaux of the Parish of Lafourche, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 3, 2024, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the open meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705 (B), that the following millage rate(s) be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said City for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

<u>TAX DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MILLAGE</u>
<i>General Alimony</i>	<i>4.680 mills</i>
<i>Fire Protection Facilities</i>	<i>4.660 mills</i>
<i>Streets, Roads & Alleys</i>	<i>2.550 mills</i>
<i>Fire Department</i>	<i>1.710 mills</i>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Assessor of the Parish of Lafourche, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said City shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the ordinance was adopted by the following votes:

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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of September 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The TVFD Fire Board has requested that the City Council consider the adoption of an ordinance to amend Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-3 – Fire Board. This request is being made in order to have the City Ordinance and their Articles of Incorporation match concerning the participation of the Mayor on the Fire Board.

TVFD’s Articles of Incorporation were amended to have the Mayor serve as an ex-officio member of the Fire Board, and not the ex-officio chairman. Section 9-4 of the Code of Ordinances was revised to reflect this change, but Section 9-3 was not.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-3 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Fire Board. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3357

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT
CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE II, SECTION 9-3 OF THE
THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES – FIRE
BOARD***

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-3 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Chapter 9. Fire Prevention

Article II. Fire Board

Sec. 9-3. - Creation; membership; organization; meeting times; function.

There is hereby created a fire board composed of two (2) representative members from each company of the fire department, along with the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chiefs, Treasurer, and Secretary. The selected officers other than the representatives from each fire company shall serve as representatives of the entire department. The treasurer, selected by the fire board, shall be a non-voting member of the fire board and shall not serve as one of the representatives of his particular fire company. The secretary, selected by the fire department, shall also be a non-voting member of the board and shall not serve as one of the representatives of his particular fire company. The board shall be given supervision of all matters pertaining to or otherwise relating to the good government of the volunteer fire department. The tenure of office of the board members shall be for a term of one (1) year. The board shall meet at least once

monthly for the transaction of business. The date of such meeting shall be decided by the board at its first meeting. The board shall adopt the rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order in all cases except when it has adopted its own rules and regulations and except when such rules and regulations are in conflict with the City Code of Ordinances at which time the City Code of Ordinances will supersede Robert's Rules of Order. The board shall appoint its committees and when necessary will appoint the chairman of the committee.

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

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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of September 2024.

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

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin,

The TVFD Chief and Secretary informed the Council Administrator that due to the Fire Department's bond issue for the construction of the new Central Station, the bond counsel has advised that they need a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City and TVFD outlining that the City will collect the ad valorem taxes and distribute those taxes to TVFD for their use for fire protection services and facilities in the City for a period of ten years.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3358

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THIBODAUX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (TVFD) was formed for the purpose of providing fire protection in the City of Thibodaux; and

WHEREAS, The City presently levy's 5 mill and 1.83 mill ad valorem taxes (subject to adjustment due to reassessment) for the support of the fire department and its facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City and TVFD desire to effectuate a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to set out the terms of their cooperation in the provision of fire protection services in the City, including the collection, distribution, and use of taxes therefor; 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 Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to agree to perform their respective duties for the collection, distribution, and use of taxes, for fire protection services in the City.

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, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 3rd day of September 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Mayor updated the Council on projects going on throughout the City.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President