

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 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 November 5, 2024 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Monthly Financial Report for October 2024 was presented to the Council as required by the State's Agreed-Upon Procedures.

On October 15, 2024, the Council announced the City's intent to call a special election on March 29, 2025 for the renewal of the Fire Department's 5 mill ad valorem tax. This millage renewal would be for ten years beginning with the year 2027 and ending in 2036.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution ordering and calling for a special election to be held in the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2599

A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF THIBODAUX, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL TAX THEREIN, MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, including Article VI, Section 27 thereof, the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the City on SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana (the "City"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of 5 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation within the City (an estimated \$645,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year) for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving and maintaining the City's fire protection facilities and emergency rescue service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the official journal of the City once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the President is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the City Hall, 310 W. 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners; Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S.

18:1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held as provided in Section 3 hereof. All registered voters in the City will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Council Administrator of the City is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the President and/or Council Administrator of the City are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of Lafourche Parish and the Registrar of Voters of Lafourche Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 9. Employment of Counsel. This Governing Authority finds and determines that a real necessity exists for the employment of special counsel on matters related to the special election, and accordingly, Foley & Judell, L.L.P., is hereby employed as special counsel for said purpose for a term not exceeding one (1) year from the date of this resolution. The fee to be paid said special counsel shall be an amount computed at hourly rate based on the Attorney General's then current Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule, together with reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses, and the Council Administrator is authorized to pay such invoices as and when presented. The scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims.

This 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 resolution was declared adopted on this, the 19th day of November, 2024.

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

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on November 19, 2024, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a special election will be held within the City on **SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the City qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION
(TAX RENEWAL)**

Shall the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana (the "City"), continue to levy and collect a special tax of 5 mills (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation within the City (an estimated \$645,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year) for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving and maintaining the City's fire protection facilities and emergency rescue service facilities, vehicles and equipment, including both movable and immovable property, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to wit:

PRECINCTS

01-04(PART)

02-01(PART)

02-01A(PART)

02-02A(PART)

02-02B(PART)

02-03(PART)

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02-12(PART)

02-14(PART)

02-15(PART)

02-16(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$35,500.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the City Hall, 310 W. 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025, at 5:00 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the City are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to ratify the Mayor's execution of a Grant Agreement with the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for the Thibodaux Police Department's FY2025 Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the City of Thibodaux Canal Boulevard Overlay Project.

Councilwoman Crochet introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Genevieve Catholic Elementary School to provide a School Resource Officer.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Landowner Authorization Agreement with Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the use of City property to perform work at the St. Patrick Street Substation.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Cash Contribution in Aid of Construction with Entergy Louisiana, LLC for the relocation of electric power service for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project.

The Public Hearing on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on December 3, 2024.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to approve a Special Exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a retail goods establishment in a B-1 Zoning District – 729 Bayou Road (Thrift Shop).

The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on December 17, 2024.

The City has received funding appropriated out of the Federal Highway Administration to be used towards the cost of construction of the overlay of Tiger Drive from Talbot Avenue to LA 1. The funds are being administered through LA DOTD.

Ben Harang, 515 Blake Court, addressed the Council with concerns of flooding due to the resurfacing of the road and the Mayor addressed his concerns stating that the contract states that the roads are to be milled then resurfaced.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the City of Thibodaux Tiger Drive Overlay Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3372

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ENTITY/STATE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF THIBODAUX TIGER DRIVE OVERLAY PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded funds appropriated out of the Federal Highway Administration to finance improvement projects under the direct administration of LA DOTD; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested an appropriation of funds to finance a portion of the City of Thibodaux Tiger Drive Overlay Project as described herein and DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of the Project and desires to cooperate with the Entity as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with this Project with the State it is necessary to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the DOTD outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies for State Project No. H.016206; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the State of Louisiana DOTD 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: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 19th day of November 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The City has received funding appropriated out of the Federal Highway Administration to be used towards the cost of construction of sidewalks along Bowie Road from Ardoyne Drive to LA 1. The funds are being administered through LA DOTD.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the City of Thibodaux Bowie Road Sidewalk Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3373

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ENTITY/STATE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF THIBODAUX BOWIE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded funds appropriated out of the Federal Highway Administration to finance improvement projects under the direct administration of LA DOTD; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested an appropriation of funds to finance a portion of the City of Thibodaux Bowie Road Sidewalk Project as described herein and DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of the Project and desires to cooperate with the Entity as hereinafter provided; and

WHEREAS, in order to proceed with this Project with the State it is necessary to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the DOTD outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies for State Project No. H.015856; 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.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the State of Louisiana DOTD 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: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 19th day of November 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The City received a donation of the triangle piece of property downtown between St. Philip St., West 2nd St., and LA 1 from Facowee, Inc. for the purpose of constructing a pavilion/stage, and an entertainment area on that property.

In order to construct this project, it is necessary to make some changes to the traffic flow along West 2nd Street. This ordinance is to revoke the road right-of-way on West 2nd Street from St. Philip to LA 1. This will eliminate the flow of traffic on that portion of the street.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on an ordinance to revoke a portion of West 2nd Street located between St. Philip Street and LA 1. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3374

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVOKE A PORTION OF WEST 2ND STREET
LOCATED BETWEEN ST. PHILIP STREET AND LA 1**

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

WHEREAS, the City maintains the portion of West 2nd Street between St. Philip Street and LA 1; and

WHEREAS, the City received a donation of land from Facowee, Inc. that includes the triangle area bounded by West 2nd Street, St. Philip Street, and LA 1 for the construction of a public entertainment area that will be owned and maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to make the improvements to that area, it is necessary to abandon the road right-of-way for traffic use between St. Philip Street and LA 1.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the portion of West 2nd Street beginning at St. Philip Street then westerly for a distance of approximately 75’ to LA 1 is no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby revoked and set aside.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of a plat illustrating the section of road servitude to be revoked is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and thereby made a part hereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance will

become effective on December 1, 2024.

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 19th day of November 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Due to the abandonment of that section of West 2nd, the one-way designation in Section 20-14 needs to be amended to reflect this change. This ordinance will make this amendment and establish West 2nd Street as a one-way from Canal Blvd. west to St. Philip Street. At this point, all traffic on West 2nd will have to take a right on St. Philip St.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 20-14 (32) – One-Way Street-West 2nd Street. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3375
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 20-14
OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO CREATE
SUB-SECTION 32 (ONE-WAY STREET – WEST SECOND STREET)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Section 20-14 (32) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 20-14. One-way street ---At all times.

32) West Second Street: Traffic shall move west from Canal Boulevard to St. Philip Street.

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 19th day of November 2024.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

John Toups, 207 Rienzi Drive, addressed the Council with concerns about the budget, town hall meetings, drainage issues and the explanation of drainage studies that were done in the past.

Ben Harang, 515 Blake Court and Glenn Diedrich, 314 Ashland Drive, addressed the Council relative to concerns with flooding, maintenance of flood gates

and culverts as well as concerns with past and present studies with regard to an expected time frame for answers to address these issues.

Members of the Council gave updates on meetings that they attended relative to flooding issues that are being addressed by the Council, Administration and the North Lafourche Levee District. They also explained that these issues are being addressed at this time and will continue to be addressed with Lafourche Parish as well as all other agencies until some resolution is presented to solve these problems.

The Mayor addressed issues relative to the concerns over the drainage issue. He also updated the Council on projects going on throughout the City and answered questions from the Council.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President