## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF THIBODAUX CITY HALL THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA JULY 1, 2025

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in special session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 5:17 P.M.

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

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

Absent: None.

A discussion was held in reference to budget proposals for revenues, expenditures and/or projects for the 2026 Annual Budget in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 (A) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

Councilwoman Crochet "District A" stated that she did have a few things that she would like included in the budget.

- 1) Include \$10,000- Thibodaux Spay/Neuter Program.
- 2) Include money to cover cost associated with clearing of outfall canals for our drainage system.
- 3) Include \$50,000 for any demolition projects with regard to condemned and blighted property.

Councilman Richard "District B" stated that he had some items that he and his constituents would like to see included in the budget.

- 1) Include money for updates to amenities in all of the parks.
- 2) Include money for LED lighting throughout the City.
- **3)** Include money for a larger boom mower attachment to be able to access problem areas within the City.
- 4) Address sidewalks from Canal to Church Street with possibility of donated property from Rails and Trails.
- 5) Requested that the Mayor follow up with Terrebonne Parish in order to address problems with the St. Louis Canal.

Councilman Taylor "District C" stated that he would like the following items included in the 2026 Annual Budget:

- 1) Add money to the budget to enhance improvements at Midland, Eagle, Barbier and Martin Luther King Parks.
- 2) Add money to the budget to repair and finish sidewalks on the west side of the City.
- 3) Continue to monitor drainage issues on the west side as they occur.

Councilman Naquin "District D" stated that he would like the following items included in the 2026 Annual Budget:

- 1) Add \$150,000 for sidewalks in Cherokee area, North Thibodaux area as well as Arms and Jefferson Streets.
- 2) Add \$200,000 for the Fire Hydrant Replacement Program.
- 3) Add money for lighting on North Canal.
- 4) Funding for LED lights throughout the City.
- 5) Funding for drainage improvement projects.

6) Funding for updates to the sewer system to address backup situations during heavy rain events.

Councilman Mire "District E" addressed the Council with a list of several items to consider for the 2026 Budget.

- **1.** Add necessary funds in the budget to begin phasing out all old street lights and replacing with new led fixtures.
- 2. Add \$250,000 for hydrant replacement and conversions.
- 3. Add money in budget for sidewalk replacement in front of East Thibodaux Middle School. Also, money to enlarge the sidewalk along Cardinal Drive from East 7<sup>th</sup> to North/South Acadia.
- 4. Street repairs on Cherokee between the rear park entrance and Menard to include striping. Also, install 4ft wide sidewalk from the rear of the park to Menard.
- 5. Place \$250,000 in budget for the development of a Master Sewer Plan for the entire City.
- 6. Put \$500,000 in budget for drainage. (Digging of canals etc. as needed per study)
- 7. Put \$750,000 in budget for a Gas Distribution Plant on the north side of the City.
- 8. Add money in budget to extend the sidewalk in the middle of North/South Acadia from where it ends just before LA648 to the sidewalk by the Children's Museum coming out of Acadia Woods.
- 9. Add money in budget to contract a company to fix the pot holes and bad spots in street where we have had to dig to fix water leaks and other issues.
- 10. Remove the 1.1 million out of the budget for the North Canal Blvd Lighting Project. This project should be handled by the state due to the tremendous cost increase since this originated in 2021.

The Mayor addressed the request from the Council and updated them on projects that he and his Administration are currently working on to include in the 2026 Budget

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President