## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF THIBODAUX CITY HALL THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA OCTOBER 21, 2025

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West  $2^{nd}$  Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

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

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

**Absent: None** 

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2025 City Council Meeting as written. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS: None** 

**ABSTAINED:** None **ABSENT:** None

In accordance with the prescribed statewide agreed-upon procedures by the Legislative Auditor, the Finance Director has submitted the monthly revenue and expense report for September 2025 to the City Council for review.

The Council Administrator has been notified by the DOTD Project Engineer, Brandon Usey, that the Audubon Avenue Overlay Project is complete in accordance with all contract documents and specifications. The city now has to formally accept the project in order to take possession of the project from the State. This project was constructed with funding out of the Federal Highway Trust Fund under the direct administration of DOTD.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Bimah, the Council voted on a resolution of final acceptance by the City of Thibodaux of the Audubon Avenue Overlay Project – State Project H.013269. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS: None** 

**ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None** 

## RESOLUTION NO. 2677

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux entered into a contract with Huey Stockstill, LLC dated January 29, 2025 for the Audubon Avenue Overlay Project; and

WHEREAS, the work under the aforementioned contract has been inspected by authorized representatives of the City of Thibodaux, the Contractor, the State of Louisiana, and the Engineer, and the work was declared to be complete in accordance with the contract documents on October 13, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session on October 21, 2025 that the work under the

aforementioned project be and is hereby accepted as complete on the date hereinbefore specified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Thibodaux is responsible for the security, operation, maintenance, and utilities for this project from the date of final acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Certificate of Final Acceptance 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, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21st day of November 2025.

<u>/s/Jennifer Morvant</u> <u>/s/Chad J. Mire</u>

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm. Chad J. Mire, President

T. Baker Smith has been providing GIS mapping services to the City for several years, and the Public Works Director has informed the Council Administrator that the current agreement with them will expire, and the City wishes to continue this partnership for our GIS and mapping needs. T. Baker Smith has prepared a letter contract for your consideration which would authorize the firm to provide assistance in the administration of the City's GIS systems, and migration to a self-owned stand-alone GIS platform.

The fees for these services will be based on an annual retainer not to exceed \$40,000.00 which will be invoiced monthly as services are provided according to the rate schedule included in the contract.

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Bimah, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a professional services agreement with T. Baker Smith for the implementation, configuration, and maintenance for the geospatial portal for the City of Thibodaux. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

**NAYS: None** 

**ABSTAINED:** None **ABSENT:** None

## RESOLUTION NO. 2678

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROFESIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH T. BAKER SMITH, LLC FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION, CONFIGURATION, AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE GEOSPATIAL PORTAL FOR THE CITY OF THIBODAUX

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

WHEREAS, the City has requested that T. Baker Smith prepare a contract in order to the firm to provide guidance and assistance in the administration of the City's GIS Systems, infrastructure, data integration, and migration to a self-owned stand-alone GIS platform; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute an agreement 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 T. Baker Smith for the above mentioned GIS Public Works Portal.

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, Bimah, Taylor, Naguin, and Mire

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21st day of November 2025.

The term of Mr. Clarence Savoie as a regular member of the Thibodaux Board of Adjustments expired in March of this year.

In accordance with the provisions of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance, the City Council has appointing authority for this City board. Appointments are made in a rotating order of the Council members, and Councilman Bimah is next in the order of rotation for this appointment.

Therefore, Councilman Bimah has nominated Mrs. Cassie Breaud for appointment to the board for a five (5) year term. If the Council is in agreement, it would be appropriate to consider the adoption of a resolution appointing Mrs. Breaud as a regular member to the Thibodaux Board of Adjustments. Her term will be set to expire on October 21, 2030.

On motion of Councilman Bimah, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution approving Councilman Bimah's appointment of Cassie Breaud as a regular member of the Thibodaux Board of Adjustments. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire

**NAYS: None** 

ABSTAINED: None ABSENT: None

## RESOLUTION NO. 2679

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Board of Adjustments is comprised of five regular members and two alternate members; and

WHEREAS, due to the expiration of the term of Mr. Clarence Savoie as a regular board member, it is necessary for the City Council to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy created; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the rotation method of nomination employed by the City Council, Councilman Lester Bimah has nominated Mrs. Cassie Breaud for appointment to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance, Cassie Breaud is hereby appointed as a regular member to the Thibodaux Board of Adjustment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of Mrs. Breaud will expire October 21, 2030.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire

**NAYS: None** 

**ABSTAINED:** None **ABSENT:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21st day of November 2025.

<u>/s/Jennifer Morvant</u> <u>/s/Chad J. Mire</u>
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm. Chad J. Mire, President

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the City of Thibodaux Acadia Road Sidewalk Improvement Project – State Project H.016096.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant agreement with the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for the Thibodaux Police Department's FY2026 Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant.

The Public Hearing on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on November 4, 2025.

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance approving a Special Exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a two-family dwelling in an R-2 zoning district as recommended by the Thibodaux Planning & Zoning Commission at their October 1, 2025 meeting for 803 Lagarde Street.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance approving a Special Exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a two-family dwelling in an R-2 zoning district as recommended by the Thibodaux Planning & Zoning Commission at their October 1, 2025 meeting for 809 Lagarde Street.

The Public Hearing on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on November 18, 2025.

Under the public comment section of the agenda, Johnny Smith, 1610 Cardinal Dr., addressed the Council concerning the condemnation of properties on Cardinal Drive, and his willingness to try to help his neighborhood qualify for funds to restore their properties through the Urban Development Program. He asked for the city to allow them time to look into this program and to offer any assistance that they could.

Corey Lee, 1606 Cardinal Dr., also addressed the council with issues he's having with his property due to his inability to have the property put under his name despite doing all of the steps that he has been advised to do.

Ben Harang, 515 Blake Court, addressed the council and mayor requesting that the city remove the culvert in Peltier Park and to put a moratorium on commercial buildings from Canal Blvd. to behind NSU until the drainage issues in this area can be identified. He also stated his concerns with traffic conditions if both Canal Blvd bridges are closed at the same time. And, he asked if the city could do anything to lower the median in the middle of the traffic circle to help with the line of sight for all entrances to the circle.

The Mayor informed the Council of issues and projects going on throughout the City:

- Fire hydrant replacement continues
- Candy Lane water tower sandblasting should be complete soon
- Employee Health and Benefit fair had a record attendance
- Informed Councilman Taylor that we are waiting on Entergy to get nine new cameras set up
- LED lighting replacement for all city buildings being done through the Public Service Commission
- Completed the smoke test on Barbier Ave. and located two infiltration issues that will be addressed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.	
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.	Chad J. Mire, President