

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

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, 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 Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Bimah, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the October 21, 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

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a motion to convene in Executive Session to discuss disciplinary action for Chelsea Voclair, and employee of the Thibodaux City Council. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the council unanimously voted to reconvene in regular session at 5:48 p.m.

Section G of Article VI of the City Charter requires that a budget be adopted no later than December 7th of each year, and that the budget must be discussed and adopted at a special meeting of the Council. Due to publication requirements and the Charter requirement to submit any questions or proposed amendments to the Mayor not later than 5 calendar days prior to the budget hearing, it was the Council Administrator's recommendation that the Council consider setting the budget hearing for immediately following the regular Council meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a motion to set the public hearing date for the 2026 Annual Budget for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 immediately following the adjournment of the December 2, 2025 regular meeting. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

The council was presented with their 2026 Annual Budget binders for their review prior to the budget hearing.

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs. The public hearing on this ordinance will be held at the November 18, 2025 city council meeting.

Councilwoman Crochet introduced the Appropriation Ordinance for the Year 2026. The public hearing on this ordinance will be held on December 2, 2025 immediately following the 5:00 p.m. regular council meeting.

The Grants Director has informed the Council Administrator that the City has received funding appropriated out of the Federal Highway Administration to be used towards the cost of construction of the Acadia Road Sidewalk Improvement Project. The funds are being administered through LA DOTD.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on 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. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3416

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

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 Acadia Road Sidewalk Improvement 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.016096; 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, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 4th day of November 2025.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Chad J. Mire
Chad J. Mire, President

The Grant’s Director has informed the Council Administrator that the US Department of Transportation has awarded the City funding through the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for the High Visibility Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant Program in the amount \$153,000.00. The funds will be used for the payment of overtime for the police department to conduct high visibility traffic safety enforcement.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Bimah, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

Under the public comment section of the agenda, 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.

Lea Rutter, 206 Creole Lane address the Council also concerned with the Canal Blvd bridge replacement closing both side at the same time. He asked if the couplet system was being revisited prior to this project, and if FOTD or the City has started to conduct traffic studies to determine the traffic flow during the bridge project.

Vernell Tolbert, 1142 Louise Street, asked when the public would be notified of the results of the executive session concerning the disciplinary action that was taken.

Lauren Rhodes, 2374 St. Mary St., read a prepared statement in regards to the executive session.

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

- Food Truck Ordinance tweaks will be coming to the council soon
- Candy Lane water tower sandblasting should be complete soon
- Water plant inserter valve is being installed
- Informed Councilman Taylor that we are still waiting on Entergy to get nine new cameras set up
- Thanked Ben Harang for all of his work to make the BBQ and Blues festival such a success
- Driver safety training for employees that drive city vehicles
- Reminded everyone about Thibodeauxville this Saturday.

- **Notified the council the he received the report from the Rienzi drainage study late this afternoon.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President