

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
August 18, 2026**

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, August 18, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

There were also present: Kevin Clement and Beau Brooks

Absent: None

On motion of Councilman Harang, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026, City Council Meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and 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 July 2026 to the City Council for review.

The Grants Director has notified the Council Administrator that the contractor, Next Generation Sports Surfaces, LLC has submitted Change Order No. 3 for the Miracle League Field Project to the City for approval.

This change order is being proposed due to the need to replace the existing flat culvert within the catch basin drainage network with 8” PVC culverts, and to extend the contract days in the contract due to the time required to complete the additional work. The change order increases the contract amount by \$14,000.00, thereby making the total contract amount \$660,482.00, and increases the contract time by 28 calendar days which extends the contract end date to July 23, 2026.

Councilman Harang requested clarification regarding the funding source for the project. Mayor Clement advised that the project is grant funded, with the City responsible for a 50% match, and explained that the proposed change order was necessary to address drainage concerns.

Matt Rodrigue, 315 E. Bayou Road, Project Manager for DDG, reported that DDG had conducted a site walkthrough with the contractor, Next Gen Sports, and identified several punch list items, most of which had been completed. He further advised that Change Order No. 3 added 28 days to the contract time to allow for completion of the additional work.

On a motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change order No. 3 with Next Generation Sports Surfaces, LLC for the Miracle League Field at Peltier Park. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2736

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH NEXT GENERATION SPORTS SURFACES, LLC FOR THE MIRACLE LEAGUE FIELD AT PELTIER PARK

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 Next Generation Sports Surfaces, LLC for the Miracle League Baseball Field Project at Peltier Park; and

WHEREAS, due to the need to replace the existing flat culvert within the catch basin drainage network with 8" PVC culverts, and the extension of contract time due to this additional work, Change Order No. 3 is being proposed; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 3 increases the contract amount by \$14,000.00, thereby making the new contract price \$660,482.00, and also increases the contract time by 28 calendar days, making the completion date July 23, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 3 with Next Generation Sports Surfaces, 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, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18 day of August 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Grants Director has advised the Council Administrator that the Miracle League Baseball Field at Peltier Park is substantially complete in accordance with all contract documents and specifications.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a resolution of Substantial Completion with Next Generation Sports Surfaces, LLC for the Miracle League Baseball Field Project funded by a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2737

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 Next Generation Sports Surfaces, LLC dated January 28, 2026 for the Miracle League Baseball Field Project funded by a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant; and

WHEREAS, the work under the aforementioned contract was substantially complete in accordance with the plans and specifications by the contractor on July 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a final inspection was conducted by representatives of the City and the Project Engineer; and

WHEREAS, all work was found to be satisfactory for acceptance by the City less and except any items included on a punch list.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session on August 18, 2026 that the work under the aforementioned project be and is hereby accepted as substantially complete on the date hereinbefore specified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Administrator is hereby authorized to file with the Clerk of Court of the Parish of Lafourche, this Certificate of Substantial Completion in order to commence the 45-day lien period.

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

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18 day of August 2026.

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

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

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance ratifying the Mayor's execution of an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Master Plan & Airport Geographic System at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 1, 2026.

Councilman Harang introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport – GA Maintenance 2026. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 1, 2026.

Councilwoman Crochet introduced an ordinance approving the sketch, preliminary, and final plat of the re-division of property located in Levert Business and Industrial Park. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 1, 2026.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Louisiana Highway Construction for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 1, 2026.

Councilman Harang introduced a zoning ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map in accordance with Section 104 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning classification for a tract of property from and R-1 District to a C District – Batture property along Bayou Lafourche from the Audubon Avenue Bridge east to Bowie Road. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

Councilman Mire introduced a zoning ordinance to amend and re-enact Article II, Section 202 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance – Group or Community Home (Small) Definition. Denied by Planning and Zoning Commission on August 5, 2026. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

Councilman Taylor introduced a zoning ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 505 Table 5.1 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance – Residential District Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions-“Group/Community Home, Small”- Permitted in R-2 Zoning Districts. Denied by Planning and Zoning Commission on August 5, 2026. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

Councilman Harang introduced a zoning ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 505 Table 5.1 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance – Residential District Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions-“Catering Services”-Special Exception in R-3, R-4, and RB Zoning Districts. Denied by Planning and Zoning Commission on March 4, 2026. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on September 15, 2026.

The Grants Director has informed the Council Administrator that the City has been awarded funding through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount not to exceed \$455,085.00. The funds will be used for the Airport Master Plan Update.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on an ordinance ratifying the Mayor’s execution of a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Funds for the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

- YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire**
- NAYS: None**
- ABSTAINED: None**
- ABSENT: None**

ORDINANCE NO. 3463

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE MAYOR’S EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AIP) FUNDS FOR THE THIBODAUX MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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

WHEREAS, the City has submitted an application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Airport Improvement Program (AIP) federal funds associated with the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has awarded AIP funds to the City in an amount not to exceed \$455,085.00 for the Airport Master Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to execute an agreement with the FAA for the Airport Improvement Program funds mentioned above in order to receive the funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor’s execution of the grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for AIP Grant Number 3-22-0072-014-2026 is hereby ratified.

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, Harang, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18 day of August 2026.

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

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

The Grants Director has informed the Council Administrator that the City has been awarded funding through the Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) from the Federal Aviation Administration in an amount not to exceed \$25,115.00. The funds will be used for the Airport Master Plan Update.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on an ordinance ratifying the Mayor's execution of a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) Funds for the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3464

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (AIG) FUNDS FOR THE THIBODAUX MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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

WHEREAS, the City has submitted an application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) federal funds associated with the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has awarded AIG funds to the City in an amount not to exceed \$25,115.00 for the Airport Master Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, it was necessary to execute an agreement with the FAA for the Airport Infrastructure Grant funds mentioned above in order to receive the funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor's execution of the grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for AIG Grant Number 3-22-0072-015-2026 is hereby ratified.

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, Harang, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18 day of August 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Zoning Administrator has informed the Council Administrator that Ladd Thibodaux/TPP Construction Group has requested that the P & Z Commission consider amending Section 506 Table 5.3 in order include “Outdoor Storage Yard”, as a permitted use in C-1 Zoning Districts. They would like to become a dealer of utility trailers at their location at 106 Tiger Drive. The Commission considered this request at their meeting on July 1, 2026, and their recommendation to the City Council is to deny this request.

Councilman Naquin explained that, according to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes, the proposed sale of trailers at the property would not constitute the business's primary source of income and would therefore be considered an accessory use. As such, a zoning change was not necessary, resulting in the denial of the request. Councilman Harang asked whether the business would be required to obtain a City permit and, if so, whether one would be issued. Councilman Naquin clarified that a City permit would not be required.

On a motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Harang, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 506, Table 5.3 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance – Commercial District Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions- “Outdoor Storage Yard” as permitted in C-1 Districts. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

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

Jane Block, 515 Canal Boulevard, addressed the Council regarding the ordinance introduced proposing an amendment to Section 505, Table 5.1, Residential District Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions, to allow “Catering Services” as a special exception in the R-3, R-4, and R-B Zoning Districts. She spoke in support of allowing a catering service to operate from the historic Dansereau House. Councilman Naquin clarified that final action on the proposed ordinance would not come before the Council until September 15.

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

- Paris Road ditch is nearing completion.**
- A generator was installed behind Rienzi to provide automatic backup power for the two pumps in the event of a power outage.**
- LA Contracting continues ditch-sweeping operations throughout the City and was commended for its work.**
- The pedestrian bridge is operational, and lighting installation is forthcoming.**
- The City is preparing to participate in Nicholls State University’s Welcome Back Day with a welcome booth.**
- A dedication ceremony for Gene Richard Way on the Nicholls State University campus is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, at a time to be determined. Council members will receive invitations.**
- The City is installing 11 new crime cameras, with an emphasis on areas near schools.**
- Mayor Clement reported on a shooting that occurred over the weekend and advised that a suspect is in custody and the investigation remains ongoing. He commended the Police Department for its response and investigative efforts.**

- Mayor Clement thanked the Council for its decision to continue supporting the Manning Passing Academy in Thibodaux, noting that the event generated an estimated \$2.6 million economic impact for the area and approximately \$152,000 in sales tax revenue.
- Mayor Clement reported that state funding allocations include \$50,000 for the American Legion, \$250,000 for Police Department equipment, and \$1.35 million for the START Complex.

In response to Councilwoman Crochet's inquiry, Mayor Clement advised that the American Legion is located on Gerald T. Peltier Drive. He further advised that no burn ban was currently in effect at either the City or state level.

Councilman Harang raised questions regarding the traffic study prepared by Neel-Schaffer, Inc. for the Canal Boulevard Bridge Project. Matt Rodrigue, 315 E. Bayou Road, Project Manager for DDG, advised that neither he nor his firm prepared the study but offered to address questions to the extent possible or relay them to Neel-Schaffer. Mr. Rodrigue explained that the report was a high-level traffic study evaluating three scenarios.

Councilman Harang expressed concern regarding projections that Jackson Street would carry approximately three times its current traffic volume and questioned the projected vehicle hours of delay, noting that the report reflected a 3,292% increase in travel time. Mr. Rodrigue advised that he would relay those concerns to Neel-Schaffer and explained that traffic modeling cannot fully account for human behavior and individual driving habits. He noted that motorists aware of a road closure may choose alternate routes or adjust their travel times, which can be difficult to accurately capture within a traffic model.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 P.M.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President