

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 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 September 15, 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

Amanda Matis, Human Resources Director, recognized several Public Works employees for voluntarily completing nationally accredited certification programs through a partnership with Fletcher Community College. Matis commended the employees for their initiative and noted the City's continued investment in employee development and human capital. She advised that, pursuant to Civil Service provisions, employees obtaining the applicable certifications are eligible for a 5% incentive increase in pay. Matis then recognized each employee in attendance who had earned a certification.

Matis also provided an update on the City's 2027 employee insurance negotiations, advising that negotiations remain ongoing. She noted the City has experienced high utilization of both medical and dental benefits and that Gallagher continues to negotiate with Blue Cross regarding the proposed rates. Matis stated that she would provide the Council with additional information as negotiations progress.

Councilwoman Crochet asked when open enrollment would begin. Matis advised that open enrollment is scheduled to begin during the second week of November.

The State Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation administers a Grant Program to partially fund improvements to local eligible airport facilities. The Mayor is interested in applying for grant funds under the provisions of this program.

The purpose of the grant application is to acquire funding to make improvements to the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. The total estimated cost of the proposed FY 2027-2031 improvements to the airport is \$4,323,334.00.

John Toups, 207 Rienzi Drive, questioned the source of the \$4.32 million in funding identified in the proposed Capital Improvements Plan.

Sarah Arceneaux, Airport Manager, explained that the resolution before the Council was for the submission of the Capital Improvements Plan, which was developed in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). She clarified that the projects identified in the plan would be funded through federal and state grant programs rather than City funds.

Mr. Toups expressed continued concern regarding the expenditure of taxpayer funds, stating that although the projects would not be funded directly by the City, they would still be supported by state and federal tax dollars.

Councilman Naquin advised Mr. Toups that concerns regarding the expenditure of federal funds would be more appropriately directed to the federal government. He further noted that if the City did not pursue available grant funding, those funds would likely be awarded to another municipality.

On a motion of Councilman Harang, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a Capital Improvement Plan approved by the FAA and DOTD to the State of Louisiana which outlines the specific future development of the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2744

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

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux, hereinafter referred to as “Sponsor”, has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Thibodaux Municipal Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated herewith to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport specifically as described in the Application for State Financial Assistance:

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the Mayor, Kevin R. Clement, of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Council Administrator is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

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 6 day of October 2026.

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

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

The City administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. HUD requires that all Section 8 Programs adopt a PHA (Public Housing Agency) 5-year Plan and Annual Plans in accordance with the provisions of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act.

The Housing and Community Development Director has compiled and submitted a PHA 5-year plan for fiscal years 2025-2029. She has now informed the Council administrator that it is necessary to submit the FY2027 annual plan to HUD so as to comply with the aforesaid Federal legislation. In order for HUD to recognize this plan as the City’s Official plan, it must be approved and adopted by the City Council in the form of a resolution.

Janice Landry, Housing and Community Development Director, explained that the City is required to submit an annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan in order to remain in compliance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements and maintain eligibility for continued funding.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a resolution adopting the Housing Choice Voucher FY2027 Annual PHA Plan an authorizing the Mayor to sign all certifications and documents for submission to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2745

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

WHEREAS, Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 imposes certain requirements on public housing agencies; and

WHEREAS, the requirements include the preparation of an Annual Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program has completed the FY2027 Annual Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby adopt the Housing Choice Voucher FY2027 PHA Annual Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign all certifications and documents for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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 6 day of October 2026.

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

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

The City has been under contract with SJB Group, LLC to assist the public works department with natural gas compliance. The Public Works Director has informed the Council Administrator that SJB Group, LLC is now operating under the name Surveying and Mapping, LLC, and they have presented a new Master Service Agreement under the new company name.

In order to continue these services, it is necessary for the City to enter into a new Master Services Agreement with Surveying and Mapping, LLC to outline the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Councilman Harang requested clarification as to whether the action reflected solely a company name change, expressing concern regarding potential contractual liability if the principals had left the existing company and formed a new entity while the City remained under contract with the former company.

Josh Bourgeois, Public Works Director, confirmed that it was the same company and that the change was limited to the company name.

On a motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Harang, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Master Service Agreement with Surveying and Mapping, LLC for consulting services for natural gas compliance. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2746

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SURVEYING AND MAPPING, LLC FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR NATURAL GAS COMPLIANCE

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter a Master Service Agreement with Surveying and Mapping, LLC in order to establish a business agreement for them to provide assistance to the City with natural gas system compliance; and

WHEREAS, the contract will become effective on the date of final execution and remain in full force until terminated in accordance with the terms of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City will be invoiced for services as they are requested based on the terms of each Work Order entered into between the parties; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a Master Service Agreement with the said consulting firm for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a Master Services Agreement with Mapping Surveying and Mapping, LLC for professional services associated with natural gas system compliance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said agreement 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 6 day of October 2026.

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

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

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for Line-Item Appropriation Funding in the amount of \$800,000 for upgrades at the Stark Municipal Complex. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on October 20, 2026.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for Line-Item Appropriation Funding in the amount of \$150,000 for repairs at the Stark Municipal Complex. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on October 20, 2026.

Councilman Harang introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for Line-Item Appropriation Funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the Stark Municipal Complex. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on October 20, 2026.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for Line-Item Appropriation Funding in the amount of \$100,000 for upgrades at the Stark Municipal Complex. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on October 20, 2026.

Councilwoman Crochet introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for Line-Item Appropriation Funding in the amount of \$50,000 for renovations to the American Legion Post 513. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on October 20, 2026.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance ratifying the Mayor's execution of a Grant Agreement with the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for the Thibodaux Police Department's FY2027 Traffic Safety Enforcement Grant. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on October 20, 2026.

The Grants Director has informed the Council Administrator that the City wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury, for line-item appropriation funding in the amount of \$265,000.00 to assist the Thibodaux Police Department with the purchase of vehicles, equipment, and/or supplies.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for Line-Item Appropriation Funding for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, and supplies for the Thibodaux Police Department. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3476

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATION FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES FOR THE THIBODAUX POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, the City is in a position to acquire funding from the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for line-item appropriation funds from Act 961 of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session in the amount of \$265,000.00 for the purpose of

assisting the Thibodaux Police Department with funding for the purchase of vehicles, equipment, and/or supplies; and

WHEREAS, the State will reimburse the City for expenditures upon the receipt and approval of Cost Reports prepared by the City certifying the expenses incurred; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Police Department to acquire said funds from the State it is necessary for the City to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury under the conditions mentioned hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of Thibodaux in all manners pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

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 6 day of October 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 wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury, for line-item appropriation funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 to assist the city with upgrades to the Stark Municipal Complex.

On a motion of Councilman Harang, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for Line-Item Appropriation Funding for various improvements to Stark Municipal Complex. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3477

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY FOR LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATION FUNDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO STARK MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

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

WHEREAS, the City is in a position to acquire funding from the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury for line-item appropriation funds from Act 3 of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the purpose of assisting with various improvements at stark Municipal Complex; and

WHEREAS, the State will reimburse the City for expenditures upon the receipt and approval of Cost Reports prepared by the City certifying the expenses incurred; and

WHEREAS, in order to acquire said funds from the State it is necessary for the City to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury under the conditions mentioned hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of Thibodaux in all manners pertaining to this project, including certifying requests for State disbursements.

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 6 day of October 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

Nicholls State University hosts the Manning Passing Academy during the summer, which generates an estimated \$2.5 million impact on our local economy. The City desires to work with the university in order to promote tourism, economic development, community engagement, and athletic and educational opportunities. The city will provide funding to NSU in the amount of \$20,000.00 per year for FY 2027, 2028, and 2029 to support their efforts to provide for the camp.

On a motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Harang, the Council voted on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University for the 2027, 2028, and 2029 Manning Passing Academy. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3478

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR THE 2027, 2028, AND 2029 MANNING PASSING ACADEMY

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

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that, for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux and Nicholls State University desire to promote, encourage, and support tourism, economic development, community engagement, and athletic and educational opportunities within the City of Thibodaux and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Manning Passing Academy is an annual football camp hosted at Nicholls State University that attracts participants, families, coaches, staff, and visitors to the Thibodaux area; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that hosting the Manning Passing Academy in Thibodaux provides a public benefit through increased tourism, economic activity, community visibility, and the promotion of Thibodaux and Nicholls State University; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide funding to Nicholls State University pursuant to the terms of this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in an amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$60,000.00) over a three-year period, with funding of up to Twenty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) available for each year in which the Manning Passing Academy is hosted at Nicholls State University during 2027, 2028, and 2029; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide said funds to Nicholls State University it is necessary for the City to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the University outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two public agencies; 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 a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Nicholls State University under the conditions mentioned hereinabove for the 2027, 2028, and 2029 Manning Passing Academy.

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 6 day of October 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The Public Works Director had informed the Council Administrator that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the City Council consider the introduction of an ordinance approving the request of David Waitz, on behalf of M&M Peltier, LLC, for sketch and final plat approval of the re-division of Lots 1 and 2 into Lots 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B, located on the west side of Tiger Drive at its intersection with St. Mary Street.

Prior to the meeting, the Public Works Secretary advised the Council Administrator that the applicant had made revisions to the proposed plan and intended to restart the approval process. At the applicant's request, the item was withdrawn from consideration, and the Council proceeded to the next agenda item.

The Public Works Director has informed me that Monique S. Green has requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission consider amending Section 505 Table 5.1 in order include "Group/Community Home, Small" as a permitted use in R-2 Zoning Districts. The Commission considered this request at their meeting on August 5, 2026, and their recommendation to the City Council is to deny this request.

Monique S. Green, 270 S. Sugar Field Drive, addressed the Council and asked whether a decision had been reached on the matter, which had been postponed from the previous Council meeting.

Councilman Harang explained that, upon further review, the current definition of a group home contained within the zoning table does not apply to a foster home and clarified that he had previously misunderstood the nature of her request.

Councilman Naquin advised Ms. Green to attend the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for the following evening, where her request for a special exception would be considered.

There being no motion offered by the Council, the item failed for lack of a motion.

John Toups, 207 Rienzi Drive, addressed the Council regarding an email he had previously sent to Council members questioning whether the City was in compliance with Louisiana law as it relates to public records requests. Mr. Toups asked whether he could expect a response to his inquiry.

Councilman Naquin reminded Mr. Toups that the Public Comment Period was intended for public comment and was not a forum for debate with the Council. He further explained that, because the matters raised by Mr. Toups were not included on the meeting agenda, the Council was unable to discuss or take up those matters at that time. Mr. Toups restated his comments and requested that the Council provide a response to his inquiry.

Mr. Toups then questioned whether any maintenance had been performed following the removal of the Fifth Ward and the Mayor's resumption of responsibility for the matter.

At the Mayor's request, Matt Loker with Fairway Engineering provided the Council with an update on the City's ongoing drainage work. Mr. Loker advised that work is currently focused on the east side of Thibodaux and the downtown area. He explained that Phase I of the project consists of mapping the drainage system and conducting camera inspections of pipes and drainage structures to identify blockages, defects, and other areas of concern.

Mr. Loker stated that, within the current project budget, pipes found to have blockages greater than 25% are being cleaned. To date, approximately 250,000 pounds of debris have been removed. On the east side, crews have inspected 635 pipes and 439

drainage structures. In the downtown area, 65 pipes and 53 structures have been inspected.

Councilman Mire questioned whether obstructions identified during the inspections, including root intrusion, were being addressed. Mr. Loker explained that the project remains in the investigative phase and emphasized that identifying and documenting deficiencies is an important first step. He advised that a subsequent phase of the project would be necessary to address and repair the deficiencies identified through the inspections.

Councilwoman Crochet asked whether the North Lafourche Levee District was involved in the project. Mayor Clement explained that the North Lafourche Levee District assisted in developing and mapping the City's drainage plan and that the investigative work currently underway represents the first phase of that plan.

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

- Plans are underway to connect Canal Boulevard to St. Patrick Highway, with initial site work anticipated to begin within approximately two weeks. The project is expected to be completed by December and should assist with traffic flow during the upcoming Canal Boulevard Bridge closure.
- Ditch sweeping is underway along Parish Road.
- The North Lafourche Levee District is currently sweeping the Rienzi Canal.
- A Town Hall meeting was held regarding the Canal Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project, providing an opportunity to address questions and concerns from the public.
- The City hosted a veterinary event on Friday offering spay and neuter services, with approximately 190 animals served.
- The City recently completed installation of a new telephone system.
- South Central Planning and Development Commission is scheduled to complete an overlay project on Tiger Drive and Canal Boulevard.
- With inclement weather anticipated, residents were reminded that sandbags are available at the Public Works Barn. The City provides sand, bags, and shovels for residents.
- The City hosted a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, which was well attended.
- National Night Out Against Crime is being held this evening at several locations throughout the City.

Councilman Harang questioned whether the PA system at the Harang Auditorium was operating properly, noting issues experienced during the recent Canal Boulevard Bridge Town Hall meeting. Mayor Clement explained that the issue was determined to be related to the placement of the main system during setup and confirmed that the system was operating properly.

Councilman Harang requested clarification regarding the traffic plan for the Canal Boulevard Bridge closure and questioned whether motorists would be permitted to make left turns from Jackson Street onto LA Highway 1, but not onto LA Highway 308. Mayor Clement stated that he believed left turns would be restricted for southbound traffic but advised that he would verify the traffic plan.

Councilman Harang then requested an update on the Percy Brown Road project to eliminate left turns. Mayor Clement advised that the equipment necessary for the project had been received that morning.

Councilman Mire advised that Mr. Ballard, who appeared before the Council at the previous meeting regarding a condemnation proceeding, wished to express his appreciation to the Public Works Department for the time and assistance provided to him throughout the process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Mike Naquin, President