

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

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 17, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Tabor, Richard, Mire, Badeaux and Councilwoman Johnson.

There were also present: Beau Brooks.

Absent: Mayor Tommy Eschete

The minutes of the October 3, 2017 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

Councilman Badeaux stated that the Finance Director presented the Council with the Revenue & Expense Report for September.

The Thibodaux Garden Club presented the City with a \$1500.00 gift certificate to Hebert's Nursery.

The Council Administrator asked that the next 2 items be removed from the agenda because the Mayor and lawyers involved in this case weren't present.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a motion to remove the item to convene into executive session to discuss the lawsuit entitled Kemitra Banks, individually and on behalf of her minor children vs. Jacob Thibodeaux, et al. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a motion to remove the resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents relating to the settlement of the lawsuit entitled Kemitra Banks, individually and on behalf of her minor children vs. Jacob Thibodeaux from the agenda. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

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 a grant 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 2018 improvements to the airport is \$567,123.00.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to submit the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan approved by FAA and DOTD to the State of Louisiana outlining specific future development of the Thibodaux Municipal Airport.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2120

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 dated September 28, 2017:

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, Tommy Eschete, 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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 17th day of October 2017.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux
Lloyd "Chip" Badeaux, President

Councilman Tabor introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health.

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 20-19 (a) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (20) – Speed limit on Lagarde Street.

Councilman Richard introduced an ordinance to approve the preliminary plat of the remaining area of Audubon/South Acadia Park Subdivision (Tracts L, M, N-1, N-2, I, J, K-1 and K-2).

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Entity/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the State Project No. H.009742 Acadia Road: Audubon-MLK/Bayou Pedestrian Path.

The Public Hearings for these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on November 7, 2017.

Section 4-40 (e) of the Code of Ordinances establishes a Mardi Gras parade permit fee of \$500.00. The Mayor would like to request that the fee be reduced to \$200.00.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 4-40 (e) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Mardi Gras Permit Fees. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2944

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION
4-40 (e) OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES – MARDI
GRAS PARADE PERMIT FEES**

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

WHEREAS, Section 4-40, Sub-Section (e) is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4-40. Application for permits; security deposits and permit fees

(e) Permits. At least thirty (30) days before the scheduled parade date, a nonrefundable parade permit fee must be presented to the mayor's office. The permit fee shall be two hundred (\$200.00) dollars per year.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of October 2017.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux
Lloyd Badeaux, President

The City accepted the transfer of portions of Talbot Avenue that are located in the City limits from the State in 2016. A portion of Talbot Avenue by Thibodaux High School has not properly been established as a school zone in accordance with Section 20-19 (f) of the City Code of Ordinances.

The proposed ordinance would amend Section 20-19 (f) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (17) Talbot Avenue from Louise Street to Veterans Boulevard.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 20-19 (f) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances so as to create Sub-Section (17) – School Zone on Talbot Avenue. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2945

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION
20-19 (f) OF THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES
SO AS TO CREATE SUB-SECTION (17) – SCHOOL ZONE ON TALBOT
AVENUE**

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

WHEREAS, Section 20-19 (f) is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to add Sub-Section (17) to read as follows:

Sec. 20-19. Speed limits – Specified

(f) School zones. The following streets shall be designated as school zones between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all school days each year, and any other time that school zone signs are displayed in the same said streets, and no vehicle under any circumstance shall be driven at a greater speed than fifteen (15) miles per hour during said times in said zones:

(17) On Talbot Avenue from Louise Street to Veterans Boulevard

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

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Badeaux

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 17th day of October 2017.

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

**/s/ Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux
Lloyd Badeaux, President**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Lloyd “Chip” Badeaux, President