

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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JULY 9, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in special session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2nd Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

There were also present: Mayor Tommy Eschete.

Mayor Eschete presented the Council with the proposed list of the 2019 City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvements and discussed improvements being made to areas on the list.

A discussion was held in reference to budget proposals for revenues, expenditures and/or projects for the 2019 Annual Budget in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 (A) of the Thibodaux City Charter.

Councilman Tabor “District A” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2019 Annual Budget:

- 1) Drainage concerns of the west side of town addressed (Hickory Street and Tiger Drive area).
- 2) Sidewalk and curb repairs throughout his district.

Councilman Richard “District B” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2019 Annual Budget:

- 1) South Canal Boulevard, Audubon Drive and Cardinal Drive Road repairs completed where the road is failing.
- 2) Downtown infrastructure addressed relative to sidewalks and curbs.
- 3) Drainage on St. Charles and 7th Street addressed and McCulla and 7th Street.
- 4) The Peltier Park Recreation Center bathrooms addressed.
- 5) Improvements on the Canal Street neutral grounds addressed.
- 6) Lighting improvements throughout the City.
- 7) The Administration and Council to remain frugal when composing the 2019 Budget and saving for a rainy day fund.

Councilwoman Johnson “District C” stated that she would like the following items included in the 2019 Annual Budget:

- 1) St. Charles Street addressed relative to flooding, road failure and speed.
- 2) Midland Drive, South Barbier, Tiger Drive, McCulla Street, Eagle Drive and Eagle Drive Park addressed relative to flooding.
- 3) Ledet and School Streets addressed relative to repairs.
- 4) Sidewalk repairs to continue to be addressed.
- 5) Ditch digging and sweeping of ditches in and around East 11th and 12th Street and Louise Street area to help with drainage.

Councilman Badeaux “District D” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2019 Annual Budget:

- 1) Thompson St. and Jackson St. area, as well as, Plantation Rd. and Tiger Drive area ditches maintained to help alleviate flooding in those areas.**
- 2) A Driving range to be established within the limits of the City.**
- 3) A boat launch established within the City.**
- 4) The addition of traffic lights on North Canal Boulevard.**
- 5) A couplet system on LA 1 and 308 to help with the flow of traffic.**

Councilman Mire “District E” stated that he would like the following items included in the 2019 Annual Budget:

- 1) People Street addressed in reference to flooding.**
- 2) The North Bound Canal Street Bridge addressed in regard to the weight limit and overall repair or replacement.**
- 3) To address drainage issues in the North Thibodaux area, as well as, continuing the water line replacement project in this area.**
- 4) To address the sewer and drainage of water on South Canal relative to the St. Louis Canal and Bayou Terrebonne.**
- 5) City cameras to aid in crime prevention.**

The Mayor addressed each item and a discussion took place. He answered questions from the Council and also discussed several projects that are in the works, as well as, upcoming projects that are being considered for the 2019 Budget.

Margarite Knight addressed the Council on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She stated that:

- 1) Thibodaux was named the most charming small town in Louisiana by Reader’s Digest.**
- 2) The Historic Commission would like an inventory of the historic structures within the historic district.**
- 3) The North Lafourche Levee District needs to continue to address drainage issues within the City due to the large amount of taxes being paid by the City of Thibodaux residents.**
- 4) The South Canal Boulevard needs to be an economic development priority.**
- 5) They would like to see the Turf Field Project continue to move forward.**
- 6) They would like to continue the extension of sewer service along Hwy 308.**
- 7) The Chamber plans to do a Hotel Study of the City.**
- 8) The Chamber would urge the City to take interest relative to internet sales taxes.**

The Council and Mayor discussed each issue addressed by Mrs. Knight.

Councilman Mire and the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and participating in the discussion relative to the 2019 Budget.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President