

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

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, September 18, 2018 at 5:00 P.M.

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

There were also present: Mayor Tommy Eschete and Beau Brooks.

Absent: None

The minutes of the September 4, 2018 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The Finance Director presented the Monthly Financial Report as required by the State's Agreed-Upon Procedures for August 2018.

Ryan Perque, with Friends of Bayou Lafourche, conducted a presentation on the NSU Bayou-Side Master Plan.

In accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the Thibodaux City Charter, whenever a vacancy occurs on the Civil Service Board, the nominating authority for that seat must make a nomination to the City Council for appointment to fill the vacancy on the board.

It was necessary for the City to contact the President of the Lafourche Parish Bar Association in order to request a nomination for an appointment to fill the vacancy.

The City received a nomination from the said agency, and they have informed us that they wish to appoint Mr. Bobby Triche to this position on the Thibodaux Civil Service Board.

On motion of Councilman Badeaux, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to approve the appointment by the Lafourche Parish Bar Association of Mr. Bobby Triche to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2166

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Municipal Civil Service Board is comprised of five regular members; and

WHEREAS, due to the fact that the term of one of the current members has expired on the above said board, the appointing agency has forwarded a nomination to the City Council to fill the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the method of nomination employed in the City Charter, the President of the Lafourche Parish Bar Association has nominated Mr. Bobby Triche for appointment to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 6 of the Thibodaux City Charter, that the appointment of Mr. Bobby Triche to the Thibodaux Civil Service Board is hereby approved effective September 18, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of Mr. Zeringue will expire September 18, 2022.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

Duplantis Design Group has submitted Change Order No. 2 for the City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvements Project to the City for approval.

This change order is being proposed to include striping removal on Bowie Road in the final quantities. The proposed change order increases the contract price by \$1,800.00 thereby making the total contract price \$796,478.53.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2 with Huey P. Stockstill, LLC for the City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvement Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2167

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH HUEY P. STOCKSTILL, LLC FOR THE CITY OF THIBODAUX ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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 Huey P. Stockstill, LLC for the City of Thibodaux Roadway Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, in order to include striping removal on Bowie Road to the final quantities, Change Order No. 2 is being proposed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change order increases the contract price in the amount of \$1,800.00 over the contract bid for a total contract price of \$796,478.53.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 with Huey P. Stockstill, LLC in the amount 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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on October 2, 2018.

In 2011 the City Council created Section 2-16 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, in order to establish a vehicle allowance for the Mayor's business use of his personal vehicle in the amount of \$550.00 per month.

The Mayor is requesting an increase in the vehicle allowance to be included in the 2019 Annual Budget in the amount of \$700.00 per month.

On motion of Councilman Badeaux, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 2-16 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances (Vehicle Allowance for the Mayor). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2996

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 2-16 OF
THE THIBODAUX CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES (VEHICLE
ALLOWANCE FOR THE MAYOR)**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Section 2-16 (a) of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2-16 – Vehicle Allowance for the Mayor

- (a) *There is hereby established a vehicle expense allowance of \$700.00 per month for the Mayor.*

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the provisions of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2019.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Police Chief requests that the Council consider an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Thibodaux. The proposed agreement stipulates that the Thibodaux Police Department will provide additional law enforcement services to create a safer environment in the Housing Authority area.

The proposed agreement is for the term of one year from the date approved by both parties. The agreement stipulates that the City will be reimbursed for the one police officer assigned to the Housing Authority in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the contract term.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Thibodaux for supplemental law enforcement services. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 2997

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF
THIBODAUX FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to cooperate with the Housing Authority of the City of Thibodaux through the Thibodaux Police Department to provide additional law enforcement services to create a drug-free and crime-free environment within the properties developed and operated by the Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City agrees to provide one (1) law enforcement officer to perform specialized patrols to enforce all state and local laws and the Housing Authority Rules specified in the contract; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective for a term of one (1) year from the date approved by both parties; and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires that the City shall be reimbursed in a total amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to enter this agreement it is necessary for the City Council to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Thibodaux under the terms contained therein.

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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Police Department will partner with Gulf Coast Gunbusters for the destruction of seized and surrendered firearms. The term of the agreement is for one year with the option to extend annually thereafter upon mutual consent. There is no money transferred for this service. Gunbusters will sell salvaged parts and scrap metals of the firearms submitted for destruction.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Gulf Coast Gunbusters for the destruction of seized and surrendered firearms for the Thibodaux Police Department. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2998

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH GULF COAST
GUNBUSTERS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SEIZED AND
SURRENDERED FIREARMS FOR THE THIBODAUX POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Police Department wishes to partner with Gulf Coast Gunbusters for the destruction of seized and surrendered firearms for the Thibodaux Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is for a term of one (1) year and may be extended annually upon mutual consent of both parties and no money will be exchanged or reimbursed as a result of the destruction of the firearms; and

WHEREAS, the agreement also stipulates the requirements of both parties for the destruction of the seized and surrendered firearms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the memorandum of understanding with Gulf Coast Gunbusters as outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the memorandum of understanding 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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this the 18th day of September 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

St. John the Baptist Sheriff's Office has body armor that they would like to donate to the Thibodaux Police Department. In order for the City to accept the donation, it is necessary to execute an Act of Donation describing the equipment being transferred.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorizing the Mayor to sign an Act of Donation by St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office to the City of Thibodaux Police Department. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2999

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ACT OF DONATION BY ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO THE CITY OF THIBODAUX POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office owns several pieces of body armor that are no longer being utilized by their department; and

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Police Department has a need for additional body armor equipment to aid in the safety of our police officers on duty; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LA Constitution Article VII, Pt. 1 Section 14 (E) and LA R.S. 38:2319.21, St. John the Baptist Sheriff's Office hereby donates, without warranties of any kind or type, the movable property described herein to the City of Thibodaux, Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to accept the property it is necessary to execute an Act of Donation with the St. John the Baptist Parish Sherriff's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an Act of Donation with the St. John the Baptist Parish Sherriff's Office in order to transfer the body armor as outlined in the donation agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a copy of the said Act of Donation 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: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of an ordinance to amend Section 704 (A), Table 7.1 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance.

Section 704 (A), Table 7.1 of the zoning ordinance details the number of off-street parking spaces required for certain types of establishments. The Zoning Administrator has recommended changes to this table pertaining to the required parking spaces for fast food restaurants, specialty restaurants and full service restaurants as well as adding parking requirements for quick serve restaurants. He has determined that the current regulations for off-street parking for these facilities are not sufficient and made recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission to correct the issues.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 704 (A) of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance (Required Off-Street Vehicle Parking Spaces). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3000

***AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT SECTION 704 (A)
OF THE THIBODAUX ZONING ORDINANCE (REQUIRED OFF-
STREET VEHICLE PARKING SPACES)***

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux in regular session assembled, that Section 704 (A) of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to restaurants, is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Section 704. (A) Required Off-Street Vehicle Parking Spaces

Table 7.1: Off-Street Vehicle Parking Requirements

Restaurant-Fast Food:	2 spaces/100 sf of dining area plus 1 space/200 sf of remaining area plus 3 stacking spaces for drive-through
Restaurant-Specialty:	2 spaces in addition to 2 spaces/150 sf GFA
Restaurant-Full Service:	1 space/4 seats in sitting area plus 1 space/200 sf of remaining area
Restaurant-Quick Serve:	1 space/150 sf of GFA

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

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

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the approval of a special exception request by Shonell Tolbert for property located at 1001-B Plantation Road.

Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance stipulates the process for granting a special exception to certain provisions contained in the zoning ordinance. This particular request is to allow a special exception in accordance with the provisions of the R-3 Zoning District Regulations in order to operate a personal service establishment (Beauty Salon) at 1001-B Plantation Road.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Badeaux, the Council voted on an ordinance to approve a special exception request in accordance with Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance in order to allow a personal services establishment in an R-3 Zoning District – 1001-B Plantation Road (Beauty Salon). Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3001

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION
REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 307 OF THE
THIBODAUX ZONING ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW A
PERSONAL SERVICES ESTABLISHMENT IN AN R-3 ZONING
DISTRICT – 1001-B PLANTATION ROAD (BEAUTY SALON)**

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 307 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance, a special exception request has been filed with the Zoning Administrator by Shonell Tolbert for property located at 1001-B Plantation Road which is designated as an R-3 Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the request was filed in order to request a special exception in accordance with the R-3 Zoning District regulations in order to allow a personal services establishment (beauty salon) at 1001-B Plantation Road; and

WHEREAS, a request for a special exception was duly referred to the Thibodaux Planning and Zoning Commission on August 1, 2018 and the Commission is recommending approval of the request by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the aforesaid special exception request to allow a personal services establishment (beauty salon) to be operated in an R-3 Zoning District located at 1001-B Plantation Road is hereby approved.

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

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 18th day of September 2018.

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

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

The Mayor updated the Council on upcoming road repairs to South Canal Boulevard and answered questions from Councilman Mire on the Ridgefield Sidewalk Project.

Luci Sposito, 127 Cascade, challenged the Council to a cook-off benefitting Casa of Lafourche.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President