

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
OCTOBER 2, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Thibodaux assembled in regular session at its regular meeting place, City Hall, 310 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana, on Tuesday, October 2, 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 18, 2018 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

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.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the City's FY2019 Section 8 PHA Plan and Certifications to HUD. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

***RESOLUTION NO. 2168***

***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 FY2019 Annual Plan

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby adopt the Housing Choice Voucher FY2019 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:** Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City has received the new 2019 fair market rents as published by HUD. The City now has to update our Section 8 Program Administration Plan so as to set the rental payment standard percentage of fair market rents based on the local rental market and funding availability.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Badeaux, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program to adopt a payment standards at the following percentages of the Fair Market Rent effective January 1, 2019: 100% for 1 BR, 103% for 2 BR, 101% for 3BR and 102% of 4 BR. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Tabor, Richard, Johnson, Badeaux, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

***RESOLUTION NO. 2169***

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

***WHEREAS***, the City Council of the City of Thibodaux, Louisiana approved the City's Section 8 Program Administrative Plan; and

***WHEREAS***, agencies are allowed to establish a payment standard at any level between 90% and 110% of the published fair market rent based on the local rental market; and

***WHEREAS***, due to the HUD published fair market rents for 2019, the City Office of Housing and Community Development has to update the said plan so as to set the rental payment standard percentage of the published fair market rent (FMR) based on the local rental market and funding availability; and

***WHEREAS***, it is necessary for the Council to approve this amendment by means of the adoption of an appropriate resolution

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby approve the amended Section 8 Program Administrative Plan so as to establish the new rental payment standard at 100% of FMR for one (1) bedroom units, 103% of FMR for two (2) bedroom units, 101% of FMR for three (3) bedroom units, and 102% of FMR for four (4) bedroom units effective January 1, 2019.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that a copy of the most recent fair market rents published in the Federal Register and the City of Thibodaux's amended Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Payment Standards are 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The City received a proposal from Humana to provide a Group Medicare Advantage Plan for our Medicare eligible retirees. The proposal from Humana provides our Medicare eligible retirees with improved benefits from our Blue Cross Policy with significant cost savings for the retirees and the City.

There are thirty Medicare eligible retirees that will be transferred to the Humana Plan beginning January 1, 2019. The retirees and the City will each pay their percentage of the \$226.48 monthly premium based on the approved percentages for their years of service to the City. The City will realize a monthly savings in premiums in the amount of \$8,971.59, for a total annual savings of \$107,659.08. The proposed plan has no deductible with \$0 copays for its members which is an improvement from our Blue Cross Policy that has a \$1,000 deductible with \$30 copays. The plan also has a \$1,000 maximum out of pocket and prescription benefits.

Byron Landry and Buddy Ledet, representing Gallagher Services, addressed the Council explaining the new coverage for eligible retirees.

On motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Tabor, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Humana for a Group Medicare Advantage Plan for the City of Thibodaux Medicare eligible retirees. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

***RESOLUTION NO. 2170***

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH HUMANA FOR A GROUP MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF THIBODAUX MEDICARE ELEGIBLE RETIREES**

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

***WHEREAS***, the City has received a proposal from Humana to provide a group sponsored Medicare advantage plan for retirees that are eligible for Medicare; and

***WHEREAS***, the Humana Plan has a monthly premium in the amount of \$226.48 per member that will be paid by the City and retiree based on the approved medical benefit percentage based on the retirees' years of service to the City; and

***WHEREAS***, the City will realize an annual savings in total premiums paid for our Medicare eligible retirees in the amount of \$107,659.16 with improved benefits; and

***WHEREAS***, the Mayor is recommending that the City accept the proposal from Humana Group Medicare Advantage for the aforesaid insurance coverage with a total annual premium in the amount of \$70,417.16; and

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, by the City Council of the City of Thibodaux that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with Humana Group Medicare Advantage for the Medicare eligible City retirees.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

Councilman Badeaux introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held at the Council meeting on October 16, 2018.

The City wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce for the promotion, encouragement and development of tourism and economic development of the City of Thibodaux.

The cooperative endeavor agreement provides for the City to provide funding to the Chamber in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a two (2) year period. \$5,000 of the funds will be payable on or before December 31, 2018 and \$5,000 payable on or before December 31, 2019.

Cody Blanchard, 110 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the Council on behalf of the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce.

On motion of Councilman Tabor, seconded by Councilman Badeaux, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 3002**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A  
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE  
THIBODAUX CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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

***WHEREAS***, the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce actively promotes tourism and economic development within the City of Thibodaux; and

***WHEREAS***, the City desires to provide funding to the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce for the invaluable service it provides the City in the aforesaid arenas; and

***WHEREAS***, the City desires to provide an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for a two year period with \$5,000 payable on or before December 31, 2018 and the balance of \$5,000 payable on or before December 31, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the City to provide the said funding, it is necessary to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement outlining the benefits to be received by the City of Thibodaux in exchange for the said funding; and

**WHEREAS**, in order for the City to execute this proposed agreement it is necessary for the Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the said cooperative endeavor agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce for the purposes, and under the conditions mentioned hereinabove.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Mayor asked that the Council take a pro-active approach toward blighted property in their districts and also addressed problems with regard to street flooding during the recent heavy rains.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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Chad J. Mire, President