

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF THIBODAUX  
CITY HALL  
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
JANUARY 3, 2023**

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, January 3, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Perque, Richard, Mire, Naquin and Councilwoman Johnson.

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

Absent: None

The minutes of the September December 20, 2022 City Council Meeting were approved as written.

The City received bids on December 5, 2022 for the LCDBG-HVAC Grant Program that includes upgrades and improvements to the HVAC system at the Thibodaux Senior Citizens Center, as designed by Gossen-Holloway-Cortez.

The lowest responsible bid was received from AirXperts, LLC in the amount of \$141,700.00. The Architect is recommending that the City Council accept the low bid from AirXperts and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract with the contractor.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted on a resolution to accept the low bid of AirXperts, LLC for upgrades and improvements of the HVAC system at the Thibodaux Senior Citizens Center for the LCDBG-HVAC Grant Program and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract therewith. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

***RESOLUTION NO. 2436***

***A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF AIRXPERTS, LLC FOR UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE HVAC SYSTEM AT THE THIBODAUX SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER FOR THE LCDBG-HVAC GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREWITH***

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

***WHEREAS***, the City has received bids on December 15, 2022 for the upgrades and improvements of the HVAC system at the Thibodaux Senior Citizens Center for the LCDBG-HVAC Grant Program; and

***WHEREAS***, the lowest responsible bid was received from AirXperts, LLC with the bid in the amount of \$141,700.00; and

***WHEREAS***, it is necessary to consider the acceptance of the low bid and execute a contract with the said contractor for the services mentioned hereinbefore.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the City does hereby accept the low bid submitted by AirXperts, LLC in the amount of \$141,700.00.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a contract with AirXperts, LLC for the project stated herein.

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

**YEAS:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Mayor requested that the City Council convene a committee to consider dedicating naming the Majors Baseball Field in Peltier Park in memory of Mr. Alton “Checkerboard” Roundtree in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6, Article III of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances.

The committee met on December 29, 2022, and after discussing his years of service as Mayor of Thibodaux, and his being instrumental in the construction of the majors baseball field, they submitted a recommendation to name the Majors Baseball Field the “Alton “Checkboard” Roundtree Field”.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Perque, the Council voted on a resolution to dedicate and name the Majors Baseball Field in Peltier Park as “Alton “Checkerboard” Roundtree Field”. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2437**

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

***WHEREAS***, the City owns and maintains the Majors Baseball Field located in Peltier Park; and

***WHEREAS***, the City Council has received a request to consider dedicating the baseball field to Alton “Checkerboard” Roundtree based on his years of dedicated service as the Mayor of the City of Thibodaux, and due to him being instrumental in the construction of the Majors Baseball Field in Peltier Park; and

***WHEREAS***, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 6, Article III of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances, the Council established a committee of five (5) Thibodaux residents to consider the request and make a recommendation to the Council; and

***WHEREAS***, the appointed committee members being Kelly Maggio, Monique Crochet, Gretchen Bourgeois, Rick Bouterie, and Wade Richard met on December 29, 2022 and made a recommendation to the Council to dedicate and name the Majors Baseball Field in Peltier Park Mr. Alton “Checkerboard” Roundtree.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*** that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby dedicate the aforementioned Majors Baseball Field in memory of the late Alton Roundtree and do further hereby name it “Alton “Checkboard” Roundtree Field”.

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

**YEAS:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

Councilwoman Johnson introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Magnolia Water Utility Operating Company, LLC for billing and collection of sewer service charges for Imperial Landing Subdivision customers.

The Police Department will partner with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to assign officers to a Task Force for the investigation and prosecution of those individuals criminally misusing and/or trafficking firearms. The assigned task force officers will provide information and intelligence of illegal firearms trafficking with the ATF for the agreement period beginning upon the execution of the MOU and terminates at the close of business on December 1, 2027.

On motion of Councilman Perque, seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAINED:** None

***ORDINANCE NO. 3255***

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND  
EXPLOSIVES***

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

***WHEREAS***, the Thibodaux Police Department (TPD) wishes to partner with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) for the investigation and prosecution of those individuals criminally misusing and/or illegally trafficking firearms; and

***WHEREAS***, the TPD is in agreement to assign officers to the Task Force to provide information and intelligence of illegal firearms trafficking with the ATF for the period beginning upon the execution of the MOU and terminates at the close of business on December 1, 2027; and

***WHEREAS***, the agreement outlines the terms and responsibilities to which each party will adhere to in order to participate in the Task Force.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED*** that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the investigation and prosecution of illegally trafficking firearms 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:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Police Department will partner with the US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration to assign one officer to the New Orleans Tactical Diversion Squad for the investigation of controlled substance pharmaceuticals. The officer will be assigned to the squad for a period of not less than two years for the period beginning December 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026.

On motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

**YEAS:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

***ORDINANCE NO. 3256***

***AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DRUG  
ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION***

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

***WHEREAS***, the Thibodaux Police Department (TPD) wishes to partner with the US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for the New Orleans Tactical Diversion Squad to investigate trafficking of controlled substance pharmaceuticals; and

***WHEREAS***, the TPD is in agreement to assign one officer to the New Orleans Tactical Diversion Squad for a period of not less than two years for the period beginning December 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026; and

***WHEREAS***, the agreement outlines the terms and responsibilities to which each party will adhere to in order to participate in the New Orleans Tactical Diversion Squad.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED*** that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration for the investigation and prosecution of

illegally trafficking controlled substance pharmaceuticals 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:** Perque, Richard, Johnson, Mire, Naquin

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

/s/ Jennifer Morvant  
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/ Mike Naquin  
Mike Naquin, President

The Mayor presented the Council with a list in of ongoing projects that will be completed after his term is expired.

Archie Chiasson, Parish President, presented the Mayor with a “Key to the Parish” in recognition for his time served as Mayor.

Mike Naquin, Council President, presented plaques to the Mayor, Councilman Perque and Councilwoman Johnson for their service to the City of Thibodaux.

Monique Crochet and Marguerite Knight Erwin also thanked all of the outgoing members and the Mayor for their service.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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Mike Naquin, President