

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
MAY 6, 2025**

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, May 6, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilwoman Crochet, Councilmen Richard, Taylor, Naquin and Mire.

There were also present: Mayor Kevin Clement and Beau Brooks.

Absent: None

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted to adopt the minutes of the April 15, 2025 City Council Meeting as written. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The Mayor presented a Proclamation celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Creation of the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department.

Tony Boudreaux and Jimmy Ledet, members of the Thibodaux Volunteer Fire Department addressed the Council, Administration and the public thanking them for their support.

The Louisiana Economic Development Agency administers the Industrial Tax Exemption Program, and they are finalizing the Program Rules which state that each Parish may establish a Local ITEP Committee. The committee is composed of one voting member representative from the Parish, the School Board, the Sheriff, and the Mayor.

These voting members shall be appointed by the local governing entity by resolution at a public meeting, and the Mayor has indicated that he would like to serve as the City's representative on the Lafourche Parish ITEP Committee.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Richard, the Council voted on a resolution to appoint one member to the ITEP Committee for Lafourche Parish and authorizing the Mayor to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The Finance Director has received a proposal for the renewal of the City's Inland Marine Insurance coverage for the period June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2026. The proposal was submitted by USI Insurance Services, LLC with Great American Insurance Company.

Ms. Hebert is recommending that we renew our coverage with USI Insurance Services with an annual premium of \$30,363.00 on a TIV (Total Insured Value) of \$4,759,645.00. There is a 1.46% decrease in TIV, and the premium is an increase of 4.9% from last year.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a renewal contract with

USI Insurance Services, LLC for the 2025-2026 Inland Marine Insurance Policy. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The Finance Director has received a proposal for the City's Boiler and Machinery Insurance coverage for the period June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2026.

The proposal presented by USI Insurance Services includes \$65,000,000.00 of coverage through Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. The annual premium for the proposed coverage is \$13,547.00. This renewal premium is a 4.05% increase from the current premium. The Administration is recommending that we accept the proposal for coverage with USI Insurance Services.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with USI Insurance Services with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for the 2025-2026 Policy Year for Boiler & Machinery – Equipment Breakdown Insurance. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The Finance Director has received a proposal for the City's Fire and Property Insurance coverage for the period June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2026.

The proposal presented by Jones Insurance Services includes a \$20,000,000.00 coverage limit for our updated statement of values of \$54,399,619.00 with an annual premium of \$397,555.00. This premium is a 15% decrease from last year's premium. The deductible has remained at \$10,000 with a named storm deductible of 10% with the minimum deductible remaining at \$250,000. There is also a 1% wind and hail deductible with the minimum deductible remaining at \$100,000. The Administration is recommending that we renew our coverage with Jones Insurance Services.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract presented by Jones Insurance Services with Underwriters at Lloyd's for 2025-2026 Fire and Property Insurance. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The City is responsible for conducting inspections throughout the Canal Blvd. elevated tank interior rehabilitation project. He has requested that New World Technology, Inc. perform this service for the City at a cost of \$889.00 per day plus per diem and/or mileage, which will amount to an estimated total of \$17,845.50.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Contract with New World Technology, Inc. for inspection services for the Canal Boulevard Elevated Tank Interior Rehabilitation Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The City is responsible for conducting inspections throughout the Candy Lane elevated tank cleaning and painting project. He has requested that New World

Technology, Inc. perform this service for the City at a cost of \$889.00 per day plus per diem and/or mileage, which will amount to an estimated total of \$39,514.30.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Services Contract with New World Technology, Inc. for inspection services for the Candy Lane Elevated Tank Cleaning and Painting Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

A special election was held for the voters to consider a proposition authorizing the renewal of the 5 mill Fire Department ad valorem tax. This proposition was defeated by a vote of 1,035 in favor, and 1,117 against.

In accordance with all applicable election laws, it is required that the City Council canvass the returns and declare the results of the election. This can be accomplished by means of the adoption of an appropriate resolution to be in compliance with State law.

On motion of Councilman Richard, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution to provide for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 29, 2025, and to authorize the renewal of a special tax therein. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

The City has received additional funding through the LA Office of State Parks, Division of Outdoor Recreation for federal financial assistance from the Land & Water Conservation Fund for the construction of an ADA baseball field at Peltier Park. The City will apply for reimbursement of 50% of the estimated or actual allowable cost at the completion of the project. Due to the increase in actual cost since the original estimate was prepared, the city will be able to apply for an additional \$223,253.00.

In order to receive the grant funds, it is necessary for City Council to adopt a resolution agreeing to obligate the matching funds for the project in the amount of \$474,203.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution to obligate funds to Land and Water Conservation Fund Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Richard, Taylor, Naquin, Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

Councilwoman Crochet introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Bayou Country Children's Museum.

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a Servitude Agreement with Nicholls State University for the Bowie Road Sidewalk Project.

The Public Hearing on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on May 20, 2025.

The Mayor updated the Council of projects going on throughout the City and answered questions from the Council. He also congratulated the Fire Department on another successful year.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President

