

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 2, 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, September 2, 2025 at 5:00 P.M.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of City Councilman Gene Richard who passed away on August 21, 2025.

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

There were also present: Mayor Kevin Clement.

Absent: Beau Brooks.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 City Council Meeting as written. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Mire, and Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

The Mayor made a presentation on the results of the Rienzi Subdivision drainage study conducted by Fairway Consulting and Engineering, and gave updates of the status of the work being done in that area based on those results.

The Public Works Director has notified the Council Administrator that the contractor, Southern Coatings, LLC, has submitted Change Order No. 1 and 2 for the Canal Blvd/Candy Lane Water tower Painting Project to the City for approval.

Change Order No. 1 is being proposed in order to make repairs to the valve pit at the Candy Lane tank site, and increases the contract amount by \$3,148.00. Change Order No. 2 is proposed in order to stabilize the overflow pipe, install a new ladder locking gate, and repair the bowl ladder on the Candy Lane tower, and increases the contract price by \$16,018.00 thereby making the total contract amount \$739,766.00.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2 with Southern Coatings, LLC for the Canal Blvd/Candy Lane Water Tower Painting Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2662

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH SOUTHERN COATINGS, LLC FOR THE CANAL BLVD/CANDY LANE WATER TOWER PAINTING 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 Southern Coatings, LLC for the Canal Blvd/Candy Lane Water Tower Painting Project; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 is proposed in order to make repairs to the valve pit at the Candy Lane tank site; Change Order No. 2 is proposed in order to stabilize the overflow pipe, install a new ladder locking gate, and repair the bowl ladder on the Candy Lane tower; and

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 increases the contract amount by \$3,148.00; Change Order No. 2 increases the contract amount by \$16,018.00, thereby making the new total contract amount \$739,766.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2 with Southern Coatings, LLC as mentioned above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the said change orders 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: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of September 2025.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Public Works Director has informed the Council Administrator that the City has requested that Leonard Chauvin Engineering prepare an engineering contract for your consideration which would authorize the design of the 2025 Road Improvement Project which includes St. Joseph Street, Tetreau Street from Menard to 12th Street, Tetreau Street from 12th Street to Gerald T. Peltier, and Iris Street.

In accordance with the provisions of the proposed contract, the City would pay basic engineering fees as a percentage of construction cost, which is estimated at \$671,237.00, in accordance with Exhibit D of the contract. The basic service fee is estimated to be \$54,370.00, and additional fees for topographic surveys in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00, and construction observation in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Engineering Contract with Leonard Chauvin Engineering for the 2025 Road Improvement Project. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Mire, Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2663

***A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN
ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH LEONARD CHAUVIN ENGINEERING
FOR THE 2025 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT***

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

WHEREAS, the City wishes to construct the 2025 Road Improvement Project which includes St. Joseph Street, Tetreau Street from Menard to 12th Street, Tetreau Street from 12th Street to Gerald T. Peltier, and Iris Street; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has selected Leonard Chauvin Engineering to prepare the design and supervise the construction of the said project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to execute a contract with the said engineering firm for the services to be rendered in conjunction with this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute an engineering contract with Leonard Chauvin Engineering for the design of the 2025 Road Improvement Project as outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the said contract 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: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of September 2025.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

In accordance with the provisions of the Historic District Ordinance, the Mayor has appointing authority for members of the Historic District Commission, and the City Council must confirm those appointments.

The Mayor has submitted Rhonda Dempster and Cody Blanchard for appointment to this Commission for confirmation. Their terms would expire on April 1, 2029.

Councilman Naquin reviewed the terms of the Historic District Ordinance, and found that the commission members are to be property owner residents of the City of Thibodaux. Due to the fact that Mrs. Dempster resides outside of the City limits, he requested to remove her from the appointment resolution.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on an amendment to the resolution in order to remove Rhonda Dempster as an appointment to the Historic District Commission. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution approving Mayor Clement’s appointment of Cody Blanchard to the Thibodaux Historic District Commission. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2664

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

WHEREAS, the Thibodaux Historic District Commission is comprised of five regular board members appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Historic District Ordinance, the City Council must confirm these appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby confirm and approve these appointments as follows:

<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Cody Blanchard	April 1, 2029

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

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 2nd day of September 2025.

<u>/s/Jennifer Morvant</u> Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.	<u>/s/Chad J. Mire</u> Chad J. Mire, President
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The State Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation administers a Grant Program to partially fund improvements to local eligible airport facilities. The Mayor is interested in applying for grant funds under the provisions of this program.

The purpose of the grant application is to acquire funding to make improvements to the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. The total estimated cost of the proposed FY 2026-2030 improvements to the airport is \$4,636,370.00.

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Taylor, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a Capital Improvement Plan approved by the FAA and DOTD to the State of Louisiana which outlines the specific future development of the Thibodaux Municipal Airport. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Mire, and Naquin
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

The City executed an engineering contract with DDG for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project-Miracle League Baseball Field Project on February 24, 2023. In order for DDG to include construction observation services, and material testing through South Louisiana Testing; and to remove structural engineer review and design fees, it is necessary to amend the agreement in order to include additional fees. Amendment #1 increases the Professional Services Agreement total by \$19,500.00, making the total cost for engineering services for this project \$97,273.50.

On motion of Councilman Naquin, seconded by Councilwoman Crochet, the Council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment #1 to the professional services agreement with DDG for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project – Miracle League Baseball Field. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Mire, and Naquin
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

Due to the untimely death of Councilman Gene Richard, the provisions of Article III, Section 11 (B) of the City Charter requires the Council to call a special election to fill the unexpired term exceeding one year within ten days of the date that the vacancy occurs.

The Council Administrator has notified the Secretary of State’s office of the vacancy, and they have provided the information on the next available election that we will be able to call the special election to fill the vacancy. The qualifying dates will be January 14, 15, and 16, 2026, with the primary election on April 18, 2026, and if necessary, the general election date is May 30, 2026.

On motion of Councilwoman Crochet, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Thibodaux, State of Louisiana, for the purpose of filling the seat of Councilman District “B”. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Mire, and Naquin
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

Councilman Naquin introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-12 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Sewer Services Charges.

Councilwoman Crochet introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-26 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Natural Gas Rates.

Councilman Taylor introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 21-43 of the Thibodaux City Code of Ordinances – Water Rates.

Councilwoman Crochet introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for improvements at the Thibodaux Municipal Airport – GA Maintenance 2025.

The Public Hearing on these ordinances will be held at the Council meeting on September 16, 2025.

The Mayor's Office has informed the Council Administrator that the Lafourche Parish Government wishes to enter into a cooperative endeavor with the City in order for them to provide funding to the City from the State of Louisiana's Parish Transportation Revenue Program. The Parish will remit monthly payments in the amount of 16.35% of the amount paid directly to the Parish by the Louisiana Department of Treasury for the State's 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The agreement stipulates that the funds provided by Lafourche Parish from this program must be used to assist with the City's road systems maintenance costs.

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Naquin, the Council voted on an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the 2025-2026 Transportation Revenue Program. Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Crochet, Taylor, Mire, and Naquin

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 3407

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE LAFOURCHE PARISH GOVERNMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 TRANSPORTATION REVENUE PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux and Lafourche Parish are desirous of entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in order to provide funding from the State of Louisiana's Parish Transportation Revenue Program Funding to offset the City's roads systems maintenance costs; and

WHEREAS, the Parish receives funding from the State for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for road systems maintenance costs pursuant to LA R.S. 48:751-756; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement the Parish of Lafourche wishes to remit monthly payments to the City in the amount of 16.35% of the amount paid directly to Lafourche Parish Government by the Louisiana Department of Treasury for the State of Louisiana's 2025-2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to accept the aforesaid funds it is necessary for the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government outlining the terms and purpose of the cooperative effort between the two governmental agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the transfer of Transportation Revenue Program Funding to the City of Thibodaux for the State of Louisiana's 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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: Crochet, Taylor, Naquin, and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

And the above ordinance was declared adopted this 2nd day of September 2025.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

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

The Mayor informed the Council of issues going on throughout the City:

- Public Works is continuing repair work on the sinkhole that developed at the corner of Isabelle Street and Ridgefield Road.
- A 6” water main broke on Pecan Street Sunday, and public works worked very hard to get that under control.
- Ta Wa Si has their event at Harang Auditorium this weekend, and encouraged everyone to attend.
- The Police Chief has announced his retirement effective October 19th, and the process has already begun to find his replacement. The Council will continue to receive updates as the search proceeds.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

Chad J. Mire, President