

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF THIBODAUX
CITY HALL
THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA
July 21, 2026**

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, July 21, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

There were present: Councilmen Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

There were also present: Mayor Kevin Clement

Absent: None

Senator Rick Edmonds addressed the Council, providing a legislative update. He highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen economic development and education, noting that Louisiana's education ranking has improved and is no longer ranked 50th nationally. Senator Edmonds stated that he is serving his 12th year in office and discussed recent redistricting changes, noting that he now represents Congressional District 6. He also shared that he had a productive meeting with Mayor Clement and parish officials earlier in the day and expressed his commitment to partnering with the City of Thibodaux and Louisiana if reelected.

On motion of Councilman Harang, seconded by Councilman Mire, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026, City Council Meeting. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

On motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Harang, the Council voted to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2026, Pre-Budget Conference. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

In accordance with the prescribed statewide agreed-upon procedures by the Legislative Auditor, the Finance Director has submitted the monthly revenue and expense report for June 2026 to the city council for review.

The Grants Director had previously filed an application with the Louisiana Recreational Trails Program for grant funds in the amount of \$87,635.20 for the Chiasson Park Walking Trail Restoration Project. She was informed that this project would not be eligible for FRTPL funding, and that another project should be submitted.

Councilman Harang recommended that the City consider utilizing the funds to provide a pedestrian connection between Nicholls State University and the pedestrian bridge. Mayor Clement agreed that the project would be beneficial and stated that it would be discussed further at an upcoming meeting.

On a motion of Councilman Mire, seconded by Councilman Harang, the Council voted a resolution approving the application for grant funds from the FHWA Recreational rails Program of Louisiana (FRTPL) as established by CFDA 20.219. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2731

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM OF LOUISIANA (FRTPL) AS ESTABLISHED BY CFDA 20.219

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

WHEREAS, the US Federal Government provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Recreational Trails Program for Louisiana (FRTPL) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before submission of the said application.

NOW, THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby approve the filing of an application with FRTPL and does further certify that the City has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the projects included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council does hereby appoint the Mayor as agent of the City of Thibodaux to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment request and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

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

YEAS: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Crochet

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21 day of July 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant	/s/Mike Naquin
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.	Mike Naquin, President

The Grants Director has informed me that the City wishes to file an application for grant funds through Delta Regional Authority (DRA) to help fund the Thibodaux South Sewer Plant Lagoon Dredging Project. The estimated project cost is \$2,362,100.00 with the City’s contribution being \$236,210.00 if the grant funds are awarded. An application for this project was filed last year for this project, and did not get funded. The city is re-applying for the same project for the new grant cycle.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the council voted on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for the proposed Thibodaux Sewer Plant Lagoon Dredging Project. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

RESOLUTION NO. 2732

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

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) was created by Congress by the Delta Regional Authority Act of 2000, as amended, as a federal/state partnership now comprised of 255 counties and parishes within the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee in order to remedy severe and chronic economic distress by stimulating economic development and fostering partnerships that will have a positive impact on the Delta Region's economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux, acting by and through its City Council proposes and has applied for an award with DRA for the Fiscal Year 2026 federal award program cycle; and

WHEREAS, DRA requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Thibodaux does hereby designate and appoint Mayor Kevin Clement to perform, on behalf of the City of Thibodaux, all acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with DRA for the Fiscal Year 2026 federal award program cycle until grant close out.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents, including but not limited to, applications, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to DRA for the Fiscal Year 2026 federal award program cycle and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Awardee agrees to provide additional funds provided in the amount of \$236,210.00 to said award.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the DRA application filed by the city is attached hereto, and thereby made a part hereof.

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

YEAS: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21 day of July 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant
Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.

/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President

The city has executed an agreement with Duplantis Design Group to prepare the preliminary plan packages, including project layout and cost estimates, for the

FRTPL grant application for the Chiasson Park Walking Trail Restoration Project. Due to this project being ineligible for funding, DDG is working on a new project on N. Canal Blvd. to resubmit this application. Amendment #1 to the DDG Agreement has been submitted to the city for approval with an increase in fees of \$3,000.00 for a total of \$8,000.00.

On a motion of Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Mire, the council voted on a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign Amendment #1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Duplantis Design Group for grant assistance for the Louisiana Recreational Trails Program application. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

RESOLUTION NO. 2733

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AMENDMENT #1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DUPLANTIS DESIGN GROUP FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THE LOUISIANA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, the City applied for grant funding through the Federal Highway Administration Recreational Trails Program to help with the costs of the Chiasson Park Walking Trail Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, that project was determined to not be eligible for consideration for this grant program, therefore a new project must be identified and prepared for a new application; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide additional support and prepare new plan packages to include overall project layout, and cost estimate for a new project; and

WHEREAS, DDG has submitted amendment #1 to the professional services agreement to provide grant funding application assistance services for this project for a fee of \$3,000.00; thereby making the total agreement amount \$8,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to sign amendment #1 to the professional services agreement with Duplantis Design Group for the aforementioned project.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21 day of July 2026.

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

**/s/Mike Naquin
Mike Naquin, President**

The City receives funds from Lafourche Parish for our portion of the funding they receive through the Parish Transportation Fund Act established by the State Legislature, which is approximately \$130,000.00 to \$150,000 each year from this program. In order to expend the funds, the City must compile, and the Council must approve a road priority ranking list. David Waitz Engineering compiled a list for the City using a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the best road condition and 5 being the worst.

On a motion of Councilman Harang, seconded by Councilman Mire, the council voted on a resolution approving the 2026 Road Priority Ranking List in accordance with the provisions of the Parish Transportation Fund Act. Upon roll call, vote was as follows:

YEAS: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2734

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026 ROAD PRIORITY RANKING LIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARISH TRANSPORTATION FUND ACT

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

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 48:751-48:762 establishes the Parish Transportation Fund Act which provides funding to Parish Governments for the maintenance, construction, and repair of local roads; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thibodaux receives funds from the Lafourche Parish Government for our portion of the funding they receive through the Parish Transportation Fund Act; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Transportation Fund Act requires that all funds expended from this program shall be used for the maintenance, construction, and repair of local roads in accordance with a road priority ranking list using a scale of “5” for roads in the worst condition to “1” for roads in the best condition; and

WHEREAS, David Waitz Engineering has compiled a road priority ranking list of all City streets that must be approved by the legislative body as required by the Parish Transportation Fund Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Thibodaux City Council does hereby approve the 2026 Road Priority Ranking List as prepared by David Waitz Engineering in accordance with the provisions of LA R.S. 48:751 – 48:762, the Parish Transportation Fund Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the 2026 Road Priority Ranking List 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: Harang, Taylor, Naquin and Mire

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Crochet

And the above resolution was declared adopted this 21 day of July 2026.

/s/Jennifer Morvant

/s/Mike Naquin

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with North Lafourche Conservation, Levee and Drainage District, Lafourche Parish Government, and Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government for the maintenance of St. Louis Bayou. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on August 4th, 2026.

Councilman Mire introduced an ordinance to amend and re-enact Section 506, Table 5.3 of the Thibodaux Zoning Ordinance -Commercial District Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions – “Outdoor Storage Yard” as permitted in C-1 Districts. The public hearing for this ordinance will be held on August 18th, 2026.

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

- Reported that several drainage concerns discussed at the previous Council meeting have been addressed, including the North Thibodaux ditch, where the City obtained the property owner's permission to dredge the ditch.
- Advised that discussions regarding the St. Louis Canal have resulted in a proposed plan, which is expected to be shared within the next three to four days. Stated that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Terrebonne Parish will be presented at the next Council meeting for consideration, outlining both short-term and long-term improvements.
- Reported that work is underway to cover the ditch between Big Mike's and the shopping center, including construction of a junction to improve drainage and increase available parking.
- Announced the conclusion of the Recreation Department's summer programs and commended staff for their efforts, noting that planning for fall programming is already underway.
- Provided an update on the City's storm preparedness efforts, including cleaning catch basins, ensuring generators are operational, filling water tanks, and increasing staffing in anticipation of potential weather impacts.
- Reported that CES currently has two to three crews cleaning drainage pipes on the east side of the city.
- Announced that 100% design plans for the Acadia Roundabout have been submitted to the State, with construction anticipated to begin during the fourth quarter of 2027.
- Recognized Amanda and Kelly for completing the City's revised Employee Handbook after approximately two years of work, noting that it consolidates the Civil Service rules and the previous employee manual into a single, updated document.
- Highlighted the City's ongoing partnership with Fletcher Technical Community College and Nicholls State University to provide internship and workforce development opportunities for students.
- Reported that the City's partnership with the Veterans Association job training program has been successful, explaining that the four-month program allows veterans to receive on-the-job training while their salaries are funded by the military.
- Recognized Corporal Wess Durocher for his contributions through the veterans program, noting that he has found a strong fit within the City's Information Technology Department and that the administration intends to include funding for a full-time position in the January budget.

Corporal Wess Durocher addressed the Council, expressed appreciation to the City's Human Resources Department for coordinating his placement, and thanked the administration for the opportunity to participate in the program.

Councilman Naquin clarified comments made during the previous Council meeting regarding the placement of a food truck at the Incubator. He stated that he personally measured the distance between the location and the nearest restaurant and confirmed that it exceeded the minimum separation distance required by the City's Food Truck Ordinance.

Mayor Clement thanked Councilman Naquin for his comments and reiterated that the City worked diligently to ensure the food truck ordinance was thoroughly developed and properly implemented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

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Jennifer Morvant, Council Adm.**

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Mike Naquin, President**