

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilman Christopher Petite
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Guests: None

Absent: None

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Councilman Chris Petite led the invocation and first grade students of NSU Lab led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman At Large Betty Smith then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the May 24, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Mr. Harrington, a roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Natchitoches Central High School Orchestra received special recognition for their outstanding performances at the 2021 WorldStrides Virtual Festival Series - 1st place Outstanding Orchestra Award, the Adjudicator Award, and Gold in the String Orchestra 3A Classification. Mrs. Olsen received an award on behalf of the NCHS Orchestra.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 037 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 64 OF 2001 BY CHANGING ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT NORTHWEST CORNER FRONT STREET & TOULINE STREET, 194.9 FEET FRONT OF FRONT STREET BY 162 FEET.

(506 & 512 FRONT ST.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **June 1, 2021** that the application of Clay Mayeaux, Mayeaux Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Mayeaux's Steak and Seafood to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial to B-3 commercial with additional B-A zoning, be **APPROVED**.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 026 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS UNSAFE AND RECOMMENDING THAT SAME BE DEMOLISHED OR PUT INTO REPAIR TO COMPLY WITH THE BUILDING CODE, AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO BE SERVED, FIXING HEARING DATE AND APPOINTING CURATOR TO REPRESENT ABSENTEES

WHEREAS, the City Building Inspector and the Director of Planning & Zoning have filed written reports with the City Council declaring that the buildings listed below are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and endangering the public welfare, and recommending that said buildings be demolished or put in repair to comply with the Building Code, to-wit:

1. Ethel McHenry
152 Martin Luther King Dr.
Natchitoches, La 71457

Lot 5 Block 10 of JHR Addition. **(312 Sanford St.)**

2. Doffie & Delores Benjamin
413 Payne St.
Natchitoches, La 71457

Lot C as per survey showing 4 lots along Texas St. & Berry Ave. Being a portion of Blk 1 of Bailey Heights, By Robert Lynn Davis, Pls Dated June 8, 2005 Recorded at Map slide 551-B. **(1538 Berry Ave.)**

3. Doffie & Delores Benjamin
413 Payne St.
Natchitoches, La 71457

Lot 13 Block B of Town South. **(709 Kerry St.)**

4. Robert Murphy and Grant Shields, Et Al
1093 Shady Grove Rd.
Natchitoches, La 71457

Lot W Side 8th St., N By Thomas, S by Smith, W by Jordan St. **(827 Jordan St.)**

5. Latoya Sawyer
804 Martin Luther King Dr.
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Lot NW Cor of 8th & Lafayette Sts. Being Lot 1 and S 50 Ft of Lot 2 of Lemon Prop. And Having a front of 125 Ft. on 8th Street (MLK) and a Depth of 150 on Lafayette st. **(815 Jordan St.)**

6. Parish of Natchitoches
Broderick S. Hooper
6407 Southern Ave.
Shreveport, La 71106-0000

7. LOT 4 BLK G OF NATCHITOCHEES HGTS. **(722 Sabine Alley St.)**
Parish of Natchitoches
Lillie Smith
1332 Berry Ave.
Natchitoches, La 71457

RE: LOT 4 BLK G OF NATCHITOCHEES HGTS. **(1332 Berry Ave.)**

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 10, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 13, 2021.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Shontrell Roque, Director of Planning and Zoning provided an update on properties listed in Ordinance No. 026 of 2021.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 032 OF 2021

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SUPPLIES
(BID NO. 0637)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.019 of 2021 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on March 8, 2021 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0637); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2021 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, two bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- (1) Dean Nida & Associates, LLC
Sarasota, FL\$55,091.00
- (2) Christmas Lights Inc.,
Edmund, OK\$69,058.30

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2021 the appointed committee of Debbie Miley, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director and Betty Smith, Councilwoman, reviewed the bid proposals for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0637); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Dean Nida and Associates** in the amount of **\$55,091.00**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for acceptance of this bid.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 033 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHES, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHES, INC. AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Section 14(C), provides that, “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, and further authorized under Section 1.07 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to enter into Joint Service Agreements or Cooperative; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc. (Crime Stoppers) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and provides services which benefit citizens of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City finds it essential that it participates in Crime Stoppers efforts to serve the citizens of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the attached cooperative endeavor agreement which provide for the participation by the City in the Crime Stoppers program and approves same; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc., is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc., substantially in accordance with the draft thereof attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance n are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 24, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 27, 2021.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Crime Stoppers President Carmela Parker explained the significance and impact that Crime Stoppers will provide to the community. Vice President, Jay Sharplin and Secretary, Mike Bonnet spoke on behalf of the organization as well.

following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 034 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO LEASE A WAREHOUSE LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ADM MILL SITE BEING LOCATED BETWEEN MILL STREET AND THE RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO WEYERHAEUSER TRUS JOIST SETTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAME, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE BY THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., AFTER DUE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (City) owns the ADM Mill Site bounded on the East by Mill Street and on the West by a railroad line which said site has several warehouses located on it; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Weyerhaeuser Trus Joist (Weyerhaeuser) is currently in need of warehouse space, and may have a continuing need for warehouse space over the next several months; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Weyerhaeuser have negotiated the lease of a warehouse, commonly known as and depicted as Seed House #4 on the attached sketch of site, said lease to include the 14,475 square foot warehouse and the area around the warehouse, and being more fully shown on the attached sketch in yellow; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the rental rate for the lease shall be \$1,000.00 on an monthly basis; for a total rent of \$6,000.00, over the initial six (6) month term of the lease; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that the subject warehouse is surplus property and does hereby declare and find that subject warehouse located on the property acquired by the City of Natchitoches from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company through donation to the City, located on Mill Street, to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the lease will have a six (6) month term, with monthly rental in the amount of \$1,000.00, payable monthly, beginning July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the lease will include monthly renewals for up to three (3) additional months under the same terms and conditions, and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease the subject warehouse described above to Weyerhaeuser, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the provisions of Louisiana R. S. 33:4712, any property owned by the City can be leased to any person after due advertisement and compliance with the law; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in legal session convened as follows:

(1) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease the 14,475 square foot subject warehouse on the ADM Mill Site (commonly known as ADM Seed House #4)

to Weyerhaeuser for the term of six (6) months, with an option to renew for three additional one month terms on the same terms and conditions, with the monthly consideration of \$1,000.00 payable in monthly installments, all as more fully described in the attached lease.

(2) That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

(3) That any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

(4) That the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of Weyerhaeuser leasing the 14,475 square foot subject warehouse located on the ADM Mill Site for the term of six (6) months, for the consideration of \$1,000.00 per month, payable in monthly installments, with options to renew for three (3) additional one month terms, under the same terms and conditions.

(5) That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

(6) That the City declares that the subject warehouse located on the property acquired by the City of Natchitoches from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, located on Mill Street, to be surplus property not needed for public purposes by the City.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 24, 2021 and published in the Natchitoches Times on May 27, June 3 and June 10, 2021.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 035 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THAT INSTRUMENT TITLED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE AND COMM CARE NATCHITOCHE, WHICH AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR COST SHARING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING ELECTRIC, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER, WHICH IMPROVEMENTS WILL SERVE THE PROPOSED NURSING HOME FACILITY AT 781 LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 494, AS WELL AS PROVIDE FOR UPGRADES TO THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCOMMODATE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAME, AND FINALLY TO RATIFY AND AFFIRM A PRIOR RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Commcare Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “CommCare”) plans to construct a new nursing home facility to be located at 781 Louisiana Highway 494 (sometimes hereinafter “Project”) in an area recently annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, in order to meet the utility needs of the Project, existing City utilities will need to be extended or upgraded, including upgrades or extensions of electrical, water and sanitary sewer; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, at the request of the City, Commcare included proposed utility extensions and upgrades in its plans, with a goal of accommodating future development in the area; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Commcare have agreed in principle to share the cost of construction of the utility extensions and improvements and additional utility capacities to the mutual benefits of the parties; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the attached agreement entitled “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Commcare Natchitoches” (sometimes hereinafter “Agreement”) provides for cost sharing between the parties for the utility extensions and improvements; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has taken steps, including but not limited to, annexing the property where the Project will be located, in order to ensure it will receive greater or equal value than it expends pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the City (the “Governing Authority”) is of the opinion that the Agreement with Commcare will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and will further provide for an extension and upgrade of the existing utility infrastructure of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Governing Authority has determined the City will receive greater or equal value in return for any expenditures required under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Governing Authority has reviewed and did approve the attached “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Commcare Natchitoches” in Resolution No. 039 of 2021 (the “Prior Resolution”) and seeks to ratify and affirm said Prior Resolution in its entirety as of the date of the Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “Ordinance”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that of the terms of the Agreement, attached hereto, were approved and accepted by the Governing Authority in Resolution No. 039 of 2021, and the Governing Authority does hereby ratify and affirm the Prior Resolution in its entirety, as if set forth herein, as of the date of the Agreement; and

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 24, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 27, 2021.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 036 OF 2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES,
LOUISIANA, RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING
RESOLUTION NO. 007 OF 2021.**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City did adopt Resolution No. 007 of 2021 (the “Prior Resolution”) authorizing the Mayor of the City to execute a cost sharing agreement (the “Agreement”) with Smith & Company, LLC (“Smith”), relative to the extension of sewer services, and otherwise providing with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, prior to execution of the Agreement, Smith did sell its interests in the property subject to the Agreement to Vaughn Family Properties, LLC (“Vaughn”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Agreement was entered into between the City and Vaughn; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the City (the “Governing Authority”) has determined the City did receive greater or equal value in return for any expenditures required under the Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Governing Authority has reviewed and does approve the attached “Cost Sharing Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Vaughn Family Properties, LLC” (the “Vaughn Agreement”) and is of the opinion that there are no material differences between the Agreement and the Vaughn Agreement, other than the parties thereto, and seeks to ratify and affirm said Prior Resolution in its entirety as of the date of the Vaughn Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “Ordinance”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that of the terms of the Agreement, attached hereto, were approved and accepted by the Governing Authority in Resolution No. 007 of 2021, and the Governing Authority does hereby ratify and affirm the Prior Resolution in its entirety, as if set forth herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the terms of the Vaughn Agreement, attached hereto, were in no way materially different from the terms of the Agreement, other than the parties thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Governing Authority does hereby determine the execution of the Vaughn Agreement did not exceed the authority granted in the Prior Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Governing Authority does hereby ratify and affirm the execution the Vaughn Agreement, as of the date thereof.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 24, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 27, 2021.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 038 OF 2021

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEs TO AWARD
THE BID FOR THE RUNWAY 7-25 AND TAXIWAY B-1 RECONSTRUCTION
PROJECT AT NATCHITOCHEs REGIONAL AIRPORT
(BID NO. 0636)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.031 of 2021 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on April 26, 2021 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Runway 7-25 and Taxiway B-1 Reconstruction Project at Natchitoches Regional Airport Natchitoches (Bid No. 0636); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, April 29, May 6, and May 13, 2021 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, four bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

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| (1) Regional Construction, LLC
Natchitoches, LA | \$2,909,395.00 |
| (2) Williams Equipment Services, LLC
Anacoco, LA, | \$3,429,931.91 |
| (3) T. L. Construction, LLC
Alexandria, LA, | \$3,456,839.95 |
| (4) Earnest Contracting, LLC
Shreveport, LA,..... | \$3,950,386.00 |

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021 the appointed committee of Debbie Miley, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Larry Cooper, Airport Manager; and Christopher Petite, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for the Runway 7-25 and Taxiway B-1 Reconstruction Project at Natchitoches Regional Airport Natchitoches (Bid No. 0636); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Regional Construction, LLC** in the amount of **\$2,909,395.00**.

Johnathan Farmer of KSA Engineers spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 038 of 2021.

The following Ordinance was Introduced
 by Mrs. Elie at the June 14, 2021 City
 Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO.039 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 - 2022 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, L.R.S. 39:1310 requires that the City amend its operating budgets when fund balance is being budgeted, and there is a 5% unfavorable variance in revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.R.S. 39:1305, the following specifies the Mayor's authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority, as well as those powers reserved solely to the governing authority.

The Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches states in part "...at any time during the fiscal year the Mayor may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department, office or agency request by the Mayor, the Council may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, office, or agency to another..."(Section 5.05 D) Supplemental, emergency, and reductions in appropriations must be submitted to the Council for approval by ordinance. (Section 5.05 A-C)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the special funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

CODE		2021-22		
(Revenue/Expense)	BUDGET ITEM	PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET ADJUSTMENT	REVISED BUDGET
REVENUES				
140-0000-433-0300	FEDERAL - AIRPORT GRANT-Runway 7-25 & Taxiway B1 Reconstruction	\$ -	\$ 3,159,395	\$ 3,159,395
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 3,159,395	\$ 3,159,395
EXPENSES				
140-0000-591-9197	CAPITAL PROJECTS - RUNWAY 7/25 & TAXIWAY B1-Reconstruction	\$ -	\$ 3,159,395	\$ 3,159,395
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 3,159,395	\$ 3,159,395

This includes all cost for construction, engineering, design and construction inspection. Covered at 100% by the FFA
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BUDGET REVISION
Fiscal Year 2021-2022
POLICE - SALES TAX

CODE		2021-22		
(Revenue/Expense)	BUDGET ITEM	PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET ADJUSTMENT	REVISED BUDGET
EXPENSES				
012-0000-591-4501	TRANSFER OUT - POLICE SALES TAX	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000

This increase is associated with Ordinance #33 of 2021

BUDGET REVISION
Fiscal Year 2021-2022
GENERAL FUND - POLICE DEPARTMENT

CODE		2021-22		
(Revenue/Expense)	BUDGET ITEM	PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET ADJUSTMENT	REVISED BUDGET
REVENUES				
001-0000-491-1200	TRANSFER IN- POLICE SALES TAX	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
EXPENSES				
001-5401-540-	CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHEs	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000

This increase is associated with Ordinance #33 of 2021

BUDGET REVISION
Fiscal Year 2021-2022
GENERAL FUND

CODE		2021-22		
(Revenue/Expense)	BUDGET ITEM	PROPOSED BUDGET	BUDGET ADJUSTMENT	REVISED BUDGET
REVENUES				
001-0000-460-0000	RENT AND USE OF PROPERTY	\$ 14,260	\$ 6,000	\$ 20,260
	RENT RECEIVING FROM Weyerhaeuser Trus Joist			
	TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 14,260	\$ 6,000	\$ 20,260
This increase is associated with Ordinance #34 of 2021				

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting as follows

ORDINANCE NO. 040 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND NATCHITOCHEES COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOUNDATION, INC. D/B/A NATCHITOCHEES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND NATCHITOCHEES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR A FACADE GRANT PROGRAM FOR TEXAS STREET AND WASHINGTON STREET CORRIDORS AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Section 14(C), provides that, “[f]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, and further authorized under Section 1.07 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to enter into Joint Service Agreements or Cooperative; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Natchitoches Community Alliance Foundation, Inc. D/B/A Economic Development Alliance (sometimes hereinafter NEDA) is a Louisiana non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and provides services which benefit citizens of the Parish and City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the NEDA has developed a Business Revitalization & Facade Improvement Program (sometimes hereinafter “Program”) which seeks to provide facade grants to the owners of buildings in specific distressed commercial areas of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Program seeks to remove blight by assisting businesses and commercial property owners to improve building appearance and to bring signs, parking, landscaping and building construction into conformance with current codes; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Program will also assist with economic development in the targeted areas of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the attached cooperative endeavor agreement which provide for the initial funding of the Program and has further reviewed the proposed Program and approves both the CEA and the Program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby

authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance n are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

City Attorney Alex Washington spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 040 of 2021. Sylvia Morrow addressed the Mayor and City Council, in which she gave thanks for the Façade Grant.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the June 14, 2021 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 041 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES ("CITY") AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF ACADIANA, (" BGC"), WHEREBY BGC WILL OPERATE WITHIN THE BEN JOHNSON AUDITORIUM PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM THE CITY FOR BGC PROGRAMMING, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana, Inc., (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Club") is a Louisiana non-profit corporation that proposes to provide activities and education opportunities to the youth of Natchitoches in five areas: character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, and sports fitness and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Club has proposed to provide the above activities with the goal of enhancing the development of youth by instilling a sense of competence, a sense of usefulness, a sense of belonging, and a sense of power or influence; and

WHEREAS, the Club intends to provide activities at the Ben Johnson Auditorium, located at 400 MLK Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457; ; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the activities offered by the Club for youth will be beneficial to the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, the **CITY** has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, including the right to provide for recreation and activities; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in, and is empowered to promote recreation and activities of young people through wholesome activities through the Club, which may be contracted for, and the City is particularly desirous of cooperating with the private sector in organizing and running activities for the youth of the City and area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that the Club has proposed an excellent program of activities for the youth of our City, which programs will benefit many young people and could not be duplicated for the money by public funds, and further takes cognizance of the fact that the City is interested in promoting wholesome activities which promote the general health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City of Natchitoches; and the City further being desirous to cooperate with the private sector in organizing and running activities for the youth of our City, and for this consideration and other considerations all of which is more fully set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" attached to the memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches and the Club have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding for a three year period with annual contribution from the City to the Club of \$20,000.00 as consideration for the programs and activities for the youth of the City; and

WHEREAS, it shall be a condition of the Memorandum of Understanding and a part of the consideration that the Club will segregate the funds provided by the City and the Club agrees to use the funding provided by the City at the Ben Johnson Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, it shall be a further condition of the Memorandum of Understanding and a part of the consideration that the Club will offer an all day summer program and after-school program as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Understanding ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Memorandum of Understanding for services, attached hereto, wherein the Club will provide programs and activities for the youth of the City and specifically those services detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding, and as consideration for this contract and the services rendered by the Club, the City of Natchitoches agrees to pay to the Club, the sum of Twenty Thousand and No/100 (\$20,000.00) Dollars, per year for three years is hereby approved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Natchitoches and the Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana.

Van Erikson spoke about the progress that has been made in reference to Ordinance No. 041. Missy Andrade, CEO of Acadiana spoke of the needed resources of Boys and Girls and how partnerships help the program thrive.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 044 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME, DAY, DATE AND PLACE
OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in regular session convened, that in accordance with Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches will meet in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month for the next twelve (12) months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the place of meeting shall be at the Natchitoches City Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, City of Natchitoches, unless provided otherwise by the Mayor upon public notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special meetings may be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter and further providing that notice of the special meeting to be posted at the principal office of the City no less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of said meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the discretion of the Mayor and Councilmen, an informal meeting may be called to begin at 5:00 p.m. preceding the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to discuss any business deemed prudent and necessary.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Elie and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 045 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES AND PLACES OF:
NATCHITOCHEES PLANNING COMMISSION
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1**

WHEREAS, State law requires that notice of meetings of governing bodies and agencies thereof must be published in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 42:7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the **Planning Commission** of the City of Natchitoches shall meet in regular session at 5:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the City of Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic District Commission** for the City of Natchitoches shall meet at 5:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month at the City of Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Airport Advisory Commission** will meet at 5:00 P.M. on the third Monday of each month, except December, at the Natchitoches Regional Airport Terminal located at 450 Wallenberg Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Waterworks District No. 1** shall meet at 5:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month at the Thomas Building located at 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

WaterWorks District No. 1 will meet at the Thomas Building located at 506 Second Street.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 046 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches has submitted the following names for appointment to the Natchitoches City Planning Commission to-wit:

- 1. Charles Whitehead, III**
- 2. Rev. Bobby Claiborne**
- 3. Michael D. Lewis**
- 4. Rickey McCalister**
- 5. Jamie Flanagan**
- 6. Isaac Lewis**
- 7. Ron Brown**
- 8. Anita Dubois**
- 9. Ethel Blake**

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 24-17 of the Natchitoches Code of Ordinances provides that the members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, with consent of the Natchitoches City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that they hereby acknowledge the appointment of the above individuals to the City Planning Commission and hereby approve and consent to same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall have such powers and duties as are provided in R.S. 33:101, et seq.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 047 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
NATCHITOCHEs HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches has submitted the following names for appointment to the Natchitoches Historic District Commission as follows, to-wit:

1. Jared Dunahoe
2. Dr. Virginia Crossno
3. Mrs. Sharon Gahagan
4. Dr. Steve Horton
5. Mrs. Melissa Robinson
6. Mrs. Marion Salter
7. Drake Owens

WHEREAS FURTHER, Ordinance No. 31 of 1986 of the Natchitoches Code of Ordinances provides that the members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor with consent of the Council

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that they hereby acknowledge the appointment of the above individuals to the Natchitoches Historic District Commission and hereby approve and consent to same.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 048 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STACY McQUEARY
AS CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Stacy McQueary be appointed as Clerk of the Council for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 2.08 of the Home Rule Charter, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 049 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEYS FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., has re-appointed Alex Washington as City Attorney for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Home Rule Charter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the re-appointments of seven (7) Assistant City Attorneys, and upon the recommendation of the City Attorney and the Mayor, that Daniel T. Murchison, Jr., Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., Gary Conley, Alex Lyons, Jonathan Blake, Joe Stamey and Steve Oxenhandler are hereby confirmed and approved as Assistant City Attorneys to serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02C of the Home Rule Charter.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby confirm the said re-appointments.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 050 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE AUDITOR
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that the firm of Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway and Todtenbier be appointed as City Auditor for the City of Natchitoches for the period of May 31, 2021 through May 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Elie and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 051 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FISCAL AGENT
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 44 of 2013 of the Natchitoches City Council awarded Sabine State Bank the contract for Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Sabine State Bank, Natchitoches, LA, be appointed as Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches for the term June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 052 OF 2021

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING *THE NATCHITOCHESES TIMES*
AS THE OFFICIAL LEGAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF
NATCHITOCHESES FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches in regular session convened that *The Natchitoches Times* is hereby designated as the official legal journal for the City of Natchitoches for the next twelve months.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Resolution was introduced by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mrs. Elie as follows, to –wit:

RESOLUTION NO. 053 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES INC., FOR THE ONE BEACON INSURANCE GROUP CASUALTY PACKAGE INSURANCE RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee has reviewed the proposals submitted for the General Liability, Employee Benefit Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Entity Management Liability, Public Entity Employment-Related Practices Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, Umbrella and Crime Insurance for the City of Natchitoches and recommends the contract in the amount of \$543,618.00 be awarded to Alliant Insurance Services Inc., for the period June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for the execution of this contract.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 14th day of June, 2021.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr., welcomed Ray Palmer who is completing a summer internship with the City of Natchitoches Mayor's Office.

Mary Perry of District A in Many, Louisiana was a member of the audience taking Office July 1, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LBA Bass Tournament **June 16-18, 2021**

Hall of Fame **June 24- 26 2021**

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, June 28, 2021.**

Destination Downtown **July 3, 2021**-Free Admission, Food trucks and Fireworks at **9p.m.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE