

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
Monday, June 28, 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 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

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

Guests: Mrs. Olsen, Natchitoches Central High School Orchestra Director  
Absent: Councilman Dale Nielsen

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Mayor Ronnie Williams, led the invocation and Councilman Petite led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman At Large Betty Smith then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the June 14, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilwoman Elie, a roll call vote was as follows:

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Elie, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>Nielsen</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>None</b>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 055 OF 2021**

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING DR. CHRIS MAGGIO UPON HIS RETIREMENT  
AND DECLARING JUNE 29, 2021 AS DR. CHRIS MAGGIO DAY IN  
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 Dr. Chris Maggio became the 19th President of Northwestern State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maggio is a lifelong resident of Natchitoches and long-time faculty and staff member at NSU; and

**WHEREAS**, as Vice President, Dr. Maggio led the Dean of Students and the Offices of Admissions, Recruiting, Financial Aid, Student Activities and Organizations, First Year Experience and Leadership Development, Judicial Services, Counseling and Career Services, Student Life, the Student Activities Board, Student Government Association and Greek Life; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maggio served as Assistant Vice President of External Affairs for University Advancement from 2013 until 2015. He was named Dean of Students and Assistant Provost for Student Success in 2007. Maggio was selected as Director of Alumni Affairs in 1999, Director of Alumni and Development in 2003 and Executive Director of the NSU Foundation in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, during Dr. Maggio’s leadership, the NSU Foundation completed its first capital campaign in Northwestern’s history, exceeding a campaign goal of \$18.84 million and raising \$31 million to support the university; and

**WHEREAS**, he has also been a faculty member in the Department of Health and Human Performance for more than 20 years as an instructor, assistant professor and associate professor; and

**WHEREAS**, in the course of his career at NSU, Dr. Maggio also served as Director of Admissions and Recruiting and Director of Enrollment Services. He joined the staff at Northwestern State as women’s track and field coach; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maggio is a 1985 Summa Cum Laude graduate of Northwestern State. As a senior, he was elected Mr. NSU by his fellow students; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maggio earned his master’s of education at NSU, and received a doctorate in developmental education from Grambling State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maggio has been an active participant in civic affairs and projects, having held responsible positions on many boards and organizations, and has been a powerful influence for good in the growth and progress of this community; and

**WHEREAS**, his colleagues know him as a steady, dependable co-worker and friend, who takes pride in his work and in this community, and who is always ready to lend moral support or a helping hand when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, his many years of dedicated service and energetic leadership has been an inspiration to all.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., and the entire City Council do hereby proclaim June 29, 2021 to be

**DR. CHRIS MAGGIO DAY**

In our community and urge all citizens to wear **PURPLE**, in honor of Dr. Maggio’s retirement and extend to him and his family our best wishes for many years of happiness in the future.

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

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

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 28 day of June, 2021.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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

**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**.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on June 14, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 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, Smith, Harrington, Petite**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Nielsen**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of June, 2021.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

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

**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<br>Natchitoches, LA .....   | \$2,909,395.00 |
| (2) Williams Equipment Services, LLC<br>Anacoco, LA, ..... | \$3,429,931.91 |
| (3) T. L. Construction, LLC<br>Alexandria, LA, .....       | \$3,456,839.95 |
| (4) Earnest Contracting, LLC<br>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**.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on June 14, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 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, Smith, Harrington, Petite**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Nielsen**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of June, 2021.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th 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:				
<b>ORDINANCE NO.039 OF 2021</b>				
<b>AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 - 2022 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>WHEREAS</b> , 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				
<b>WHEREAS</b> , 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.				
<i>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)</i>				
<b>NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> , that the special funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:				
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>				
<b>AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS</b>				
<b>CODE</b>		<b>2021-22</b>		
<b>(Revenue/Expense)</b>	<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
140-0000-433-0300	FEDERAL - AIRPORT GRANT-- Runway 7-25 & Taxiway B1 Reconstruction	\$ -	\$ 3,159,395	\$ 3,159,395
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,159,395</b>	<b>\$ 3,159,395</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
140-0000-591-9197	CAPITAL PROJECTS - RUNWAY 7/25 & TAXIWAY B1- Reconstruction	\$ -	\$ 3,159,395	\$ 3,159,395
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,159,395</b>	<b>\$ 3,159,395</b>
<b>This includes all cost for construction, engineering, design and construction inspection. Covered at 100% by the FFA</b>				
<b>BUDGET REVISION</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>				

<b>POLICE - SALES TAX</b>				
<b>CODE</b>		<b>2021-22</b>		
<b>(Revenue/Expense)</b>	<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
012-0000-591-4501	TRANSFER OUT - POLICE SALES TAX	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>This increase is associated with Ordinance #33 of 2021</b>				
<b>BUDGET REVISION</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND - POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>				
<b>CODE</b>		<b>2021-22</b>		
<b>(Revenue/Expense)</b>	<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
001-0000-491-1200	TRANSFER IN- POLICE SALES TAX	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
001-5401-540-	CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHE	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 40,000</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>This increase is associated with Ordinance #33 of 2021</b>				
<b>BUDGET REVISION</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>				
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>CODE</b>		<b>2021-22</b>		
<b>(Revenue/Expense)</b>	<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>REVISED BUDGET</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>				
001-0000-460-0000	RENT AND USE OF PROPERTY	\$ 14,260	\$ 6,000	\$ 20,260
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	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 14,260</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,260</b>
<b>This increase is associated with Ordinance #34 of 2021</b>				
	<b>THIS ORDINANCE</b> was introduced on June 14, 2021 and published in the <i>Natchitoches Times</i> on June 17, 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, Smith, Harrington, Petite			
NAYES:	None			
ABSENT:	Nielsen			
None				
ABSTAIN:	None			
THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0				
Nays this 28th day of June, 2021.				
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Ronnie Williams, Jr., MAYOR Betty Smith, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE				
Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of June at 10:00 a.m.				



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

**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.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on June 14, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 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, Smith, Harrington, Petite**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Nielsen**  
**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of June, 2021.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

was Introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mr. Harrington as follows, to-wit:

**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.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on June 14, 2021 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 17, 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:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Elie, Smith, Harrington, Petite</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Nielsen</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of June, 2021.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of June, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Missy Andrade, President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana addressed Councilwoman at Large Smith question of construction of the facility. Mrs. Andrade explained that the Boys and Girls Club are working with Ms. Claire Prymus of Ben D. Johnson center. There has been a walk-through of the facility with Vice President of Operations and there are no major capital improvements are needed. Mrs. Andrade also stated that their major goal is to secure capital funding for sustainability for year two and three. The goal of the Boys and Girls Club will be to open in the late fall, early January and will operate year round.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 054 OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO  
A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING MOWING AND LITTER  
PICKUP, WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING  
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 48:193, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering, is directed to repair and to keep in operating condition, at its sole cost and expense, all municipal roads or streets within the State Highway System as it is defined in LSA-R.S. 48:191, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “State Highway System” or “State Roadway”; and

**WHEREAS**, further LSA-R.S. 48:193 authorizes municipalities to request that the repair and maintenance of said State Roadways located within a respective municipality be performed by the municipality, at the State’s expense; and

**WHEREAS**, DOTD lacks sufficient personnel and equipment to perform mowing and litter collection on a routine and continuing basis and wishes to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches to perform maintenance directly related to mowing and litter collection on the State Roadways within the City of Natchitoches; and

**WHEREAS**, this agreement applies only to the roads and streets identified on the DOTD’s List of Routes for Maintenance Agreement which shall include all rights-of-ways and roadway shoulders associated with the State Roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches shall be reimbursed by DOTD the amount of \$875.00 per cycle, per mile for Interstate Roadways; \$500.00 per cycle, per mile for divided State Roadways; and \$250.00 per cycle per mile for undivided State Roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the total mileage to be maintained by the City of Natchitoches pursuant to this Agreement and for which the City is entitled to reimbursement by DOTD is 24.88 miles, of which 0.0 miles are Interstate Roadways; 4.40 miles are divided State Roadways; and 20.48 are undivided State Roadways, for the total maximum amount for which the City may claim reimbursement is \$29,280.00; and

**WHEREAS**, The Agreement for said maintenance shall begin **July 1, 2021** and end **June 30, 2022**, unless Agreement is earlier terminated as conditioned by the Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Natchitoches City Council, in legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement, Including Mowing and Litter Pickup, with the State of Department of Transportation and Development.

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

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

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- New Operating hours for Utility Service Center, Purchasing, Police Records, and City Hall-7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Thursday and 7:30 am until 11:30 am on Friday's.
- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **July 12, 2021.**
- The Offices of the City of Natchitoches will be **CLOSED Monday, July 5, 2021** in honor of Independence Day.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**





