

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 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, October 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

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

Guests:

Absent: Councilman Eddie Harrington

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Councilman Chris Petite led the invocation and Councilwoman at Large Betty Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the September 28, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Mr. Petite, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 049 OF 2020

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

TWO LOTS HAVING FRONT OF 300 FEET ON SOUTH SIDE OF KEYSER AVENUE IN SECTION 57 AND SECTION 58, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH – RANGE 7 WEST, AND 1 SHOWN ON MAP SLIDE 252-B AS TRACT “A” CONTAINING 2.24 ACRES AND TRACT “B” CONTAINING 1.35 ACRES LESS 0.111 ACRE TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FROM B-3 COMMERCIAL TO ADDITIONAL B-A ZONING TO SELL BEVERAGES OF HIGH AND LOW ALCOHOLIC CONTENT FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISE.

(1011 Keyser Ave.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **August 4, 2020** that the application of Doug and Cathy Collins to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial to additional B-A zoning to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content for consumption on premise (**1011 Keyser Ave**) was **DENIED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 28, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 1, 2020.

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, Petite, Nielsen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of October, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Councilwoman at Large Smith asked what is the intent or purpose of having low and high alcoholic beverages at this establishment.

Shontrell Roque, Planning and Director stated at the last City Council meeting it should have been amended to sell only low, not high alcoholic content.

Mr. Collins stated they are willing to drop the high alcoholic content, but in case there is any confusion would want to apply for beer and wine. They feel this would go better with the food items they sell at their business.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 056 OF 2020

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

TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING: Being 37.75 Acres West Of T&P Railroad In Section 105, Township 9 North-Range 7 West, Bounded North by Bayou Julien, West By Rhodes; And 2.25 Acres Being A Strip 125 Feet Wide Off North Side Of That Part Of Section 104, Township 9 North-Range 7 West, West Of T& P Railroad from R-1 Residential to I-2 Industrial for the purpose of sale.

(Highway 1 South By-pass)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **October 6, 2020** that the application of **Claire W. Decker** to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to I-2 Industrial, for the purpose of sale, be **APPROVED**.

Stephanie Coleman on behalf of Claire Decker stated Ms. Decker would like to rezone her property from residential to I-2 for purpose of sale.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 057 OF 2020

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

TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING: Lot 70 of Plantation Park Unit #1 from R-1 Residential to B-1 Commercial to operate a retail business.

(105 Isadore St)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **October 6, 2020** that the application of **Elizabeth Grace Sylvia** to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to B-1 Commercial, to operate a retail business, be **APPROVED**.

Elizabeth Sylvia stated she wants to rezone from R-1 to B-1 to open a tea shop in which she will sell energy drinks and protein shakes.

Councilwoman at Large Smith stated she believes this is a fitness business currently.

Ms. Sylvia stated, yes it is. That business will remain and she will have a spot in the facility for her business.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 058 OF 2020

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

TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING: Lot 23 OF West Broadmoor Subdivision, Less 0.104 Acre to Highway Department, Less 0.086 Acre to Highway Department from: B-3 Commercial to additional B-A zoning to sell beverages of low alcoholic content.

(229 Broadmoor Shopping Center, Keyser Ave.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **October 6, 2020** that the application of **K-Five Inc. DBA Save-A-Lot** to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial to additional B-A zoning to sell beverages of low alcoholic content, be **APPROVED**.

Ted Bennett representing Save A Lot stated they are applying to be able to sale beer and wine at this local business on Keyser Avenue. There are several businesses in this area who already sell low alcoholic content beverages and he stated they would like to do the same.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and seconded by Mrs. Elie as follows to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 051 OF 2020

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:

FUND 071 (Capital Improvements/Special)

EXPENSE	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
071-0000-591-9053 Capital Assets-Improvements-Monroe Drive	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000

FUND 071 (Capital Improvements/Special)

EXPENSE	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
071-0000-591-9052 Capital Assets-Improvements-Bayou Jacko/Winona Crossing	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000

FUND 071 (Capital Improvements/Special)

EXPENSE	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
071-0000-591-9051 Capital Assets-Improvements-Texas & Second Street	\$ -	\$ 81,500	\$ 81,500
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ 81,500	\$ 81,500

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 28, 2020 and published in the Natchitoches Times on October 1, 2020.

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, Petite Nielsen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Harrington

ABSTAIN: None

Thereupon, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 13th day of October, 2020.

Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor

Betty Smith, Mayor Pro Tempore

Delivered to the Mayor on the 14th day of October, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 052 OF 2020

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR PHASE 3 STREET REHABILITATION**

(BID NO. 0629)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.051 of 2020 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 10, 2020 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for Phase 3 Street Rehabilitation (Bid No. 0629); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, August 13, August 20, and August 27, 2020 in accordance with law; and

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

- (1) Regional Construction, LLC
Natchitoches, LA\$499,719.25
- (2) Earnest Contracting, LLC
Shreveport, LA.....\$541,375.70
- (3) T.L. Construction, LLC
Alexandria, LA\$584,144.62

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020 the appointed committee of Debbie Miley, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Fred Bernstine, Public Works Department; and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for Phase 3 Street Rehabilitation, (Bid No. 0629); 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 **\$499,719.25**

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.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 28, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 1, 2020.

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, Petite, Nielsen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of October, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Williams gave a recap from the last meeting as it related to Phase 3 of the street rehabilitation program. This included members of the Pierson Subdivision asking if the ordinance could be amended to include the three main streets within the subdivision. After this meeting Mayor Williams met onsite with Councilman Nielsen, Edd Lee and Nick Verret, Engineer to discuss adding these streets to this overlay project. Mayor Williams stated he is aware of the promise made by previous Mayor Lee Posey to the property owners of Monroe Drive to overlay their streets within a year, but the concerns over the streets in PanAm which have been in the city for many years would be fair to be included in this street overlay and those streets be given first priority during rehabilitation. He then stated future rehabilitation projects will be given their full attention in regards to priority, with input from each of the council members, and recommendation from the City engineer.

Councilwoman Elie asked how was an area that was just annexed into the city able to get their roads done before District 4's roads.

Mayor Williams stated this was a decision of the previous council and mayor that was voted on in order to bring them into the city, the city would rehab their streets.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 053 OF 2020

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEs TO AWARD
THE BID FOR A 35 TON DETACHABLE GOOSENECK SPRING RIDE TRAILER**

(BID NO. 0630)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.052 of 2020 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on July 10, 2020 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for a 35 Ton Detachable Gooseneck Spring Ride Trailer (Bid No. 0630); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, August 13, August 20, and August 27, 2020 in accordance with law; and

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

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| (1) Kaufman Trailers
Lexington, NC..... | \$39,715.00 |
| (2) Holden Industries, Inc.,
South West City, MO..... | \$51,272.00 |
| (3) Scott Equipment
Alexandria, LA | \$62,475.00 |

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2020 the appointed committee of Debbie Miley, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Department; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman, reviewed the bid proposals for a 35 Ton Detachable Gooseneck Spring Ride Trailer, (Bid No. 0630); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Kaufman Trailers** in the amount of **\$39,715.00**

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.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 28, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 1, 2020.

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, Petite, Nielsen
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Harrington
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of October, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 054 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THAT LEASE IN FAVOR OF AIR DATA SOLUTIONS OF A PORTION OF LOT 1A OF THE NATCHITOCHEs REGIONAL AIRPORT AS SHOWN ON THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN OF APRIL 27, 2001, TO PROVIDE FOR AN UPDATED MAILING ADDRESS FOR TENANT.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) entered into a lease with Air Data Solutions, L.L.C. (sometimes hereinafter “Air Data”) for the lease of a portion of Lot 1A of the Natchitoches Regional Airport, as said lot is shown on the Airport Layout Plan of April 27, 2001 (sometimes hereinafter “Layout Plan”) said lease recorded at Mortgage Book 1104, page 6 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Air Data has requested that the above described lease be amended to provide for an updated address for Air Data; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council has reviewed and approved the attached proposed Amendment to Leased and desires to approve same.

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 approve the Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Air Data Solution, L.L.C. which said Amendment to Lease Agreement provides for an updated mailing address for Air Data Solutions, L.L.C..

(2) 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 the Amendment to Lease Agreement on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.

(3) That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease amendment in accordance with law.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 28, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 1, 2020.

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, Petite, Nielsen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of October, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 055 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THAT LEASE ENTERED INTO WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE LEASE ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 607 TRUDEAU STREET/DEPOT STREET AND 720 SIXTH STREET, NATCHITOCHEES, LOUISIANA, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE AMENDMENT BY THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., AFTER DUE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AMENDMENT AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “City”) entered into a lease agreement with the National Park Service for the lease of a tract of land situated in the City of Natchitoches, situated in that block bounded on the East by Sixth Street, on the South by Trudeau Street, on the West by Railroad right of way and on the North by St. Denis Street, upon which tract is located the Texas and Pacific Railway Depot (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Depot”) and that of ground located to the North of the Depot from Eagle Distributing of Shreveport, Inc., upon which tract is located an office and cold storage facility (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Eagle Distributing Property”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Lease was approved by the City Council by Ordinance Number 34 of 2019; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the National Park Service has requested that the City amend the Lease Agreement in order to comply with certain new budget guidelines that the National Park Service is required to meet; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has agreed to the amendment if the Original Lease is also amended to provide for additional consideration in the event that the Lease is terminated before the end of its term, said additional consideration being the transfer of improvements and other movables placed on the premises by the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a copy of the proposed amended lease agreement, with all attachments is attached as Exhibit “A” (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Amended Lease Agreement”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is further of the opinion that the proposed use of the Depot and Eagle Distributing Property by the National Park Service will be beneficial to the City of Natchitoches and its citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an amended lease agreement with the United States of America, acting by and through the designated representative of the National Park Service for the lease of the Depot and the Eagle Distributing Property all in substantial compliance with the amended lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That notice of this proposed ordinance be in accordance with law, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches, and that a public hearing is to be held after the advertisements have been completed.

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, Petite, Nielsen
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of October, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 059 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES - EXTENSION, WHICH SAID AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES – EXTENSION PROVIDING FOR A ONE YEAR TERM, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

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 further authorized under Section 1.07 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to enter into Joint Service Agreements or Cooperative Efforts with other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Office of Fisheries - Extension (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “the Office of Fisheries”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of Fisheries policy is to develop, enhance, support, and promote public fishing opportunities in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of Fisheries has developed a community fishing program “Get out and Fish!” and;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the development of community fishing opportunities significantly increases the number of people with access to good quality fishing and;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches possesses an approximately 3-acre pond at Parc Natchitoches that allows open access to the public, shoreline angling and accessibility for the handicapped; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of Fisheries has selected Parc Natchitoches pond as a suitable community fishery eligible to participate in the Get Out and Fish! Program; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of Fisheries has presented an Agreement between City of Natchitoches and the Office of Fisheries a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall secure funding through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Sport Fish Restoration Program for a maximum of one year to perform the actions listed below:

1. Provide technical assistance and recommendations regarding pond maintenance and fisheries management.
2. Stock the pond with channel catfish in the spring and/or fall and possibly rainbow trout in the winter at the suggested stocking rate when funding is available.
3. Assist park personnel with a free fishing event that will allow for social distancing among participants and will be scheduled in conjunction with the first channel catfish stocking.
4. Deploy trail cameras to monitor fishing activity.
5. Design, purchase, and erect promotional signage.

WHEREAS FURTHER, in exchange for the above services the City shall provide:

1. Provide a minimum of 35 hours of employee match time with the following activities: maintenance of the pond, maintenance of the grounds immediately surrounding the pond, removal of trash in and around the pond, the removal and collection of monofilament line, hosting interpretive or educational fishing programs.
2. When employee or volunteer hours are used to meet the match requirement, The City of Natchitoches is responsible for submitting a time and activity report monthly.
3. Allow public access to Parc Natchitoches for shoreline angling during normal operating hours.
4. Host a free fishing event that allows for social distancing among participants that will be scheduled in conjunction with initial stocking that will be open to the public.
5. Maintain a clean pond and surrounding area free of litter and debris.
6. Encourage non-profit groups, educational institutes, and other community groups to continue to provide fishing education and fishing opportunities at the pond.
7. Prohibit fish stocking other than that recommended by LDWF fisheries biologist manager.
8. Solicit local organizations for potential sponsors for stocking.

WHEREAS FURTHER, this agreement will be effective from the first day of October 2020 through September 2021; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Agreement further provides that either party may terminate the Agreement with written notice within 30 days of the date of execution of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, 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; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed Agreement, attached hereto, and is of the opinion that the Agreement with the Office of Fisheries will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana and the City Council desires to authorize the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to execute same; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to enter into this Agreement to help encourage, support, and promote public fishing opportunities in Louisiana; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized to execute the attached Agreement Between City of Natchitoches and the Office of Fisheries and in the event that the Mayor determines that the agreement should be terminated at the end of the one-year term, the Mayor is further authorized to provide the required notice to terminate the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the terms of the Agreement between City of Natchitoches and the Office of Fisheries, attached hereto, are approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Mayor Williams stated this organization will stock the ponds at Parc Natchitoches with fish where the goal is for young children to be able to fish in the ponds.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 060 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE A LEASE IN FAVOR OF ETIOLE PATRIMONY, LLC, OF LOT 39 OF THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT AS SHOWN ON THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN OF OCTOBER 1993, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 2000, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of those lots shown on the Airport Layout Plan of October, 1993 as revised September 2000 (sometimes hereinafter "Layout Plan"), which said lots are available for lease, and more particularly is the owner of Lot 39 as shown and depicted on the Layout Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Manager, Larry Cooper, has negotiated the terms of a lease with Etiole Patrimony, L.L.C., of that property shown and depicted as Lot 39 on the Layout Plan; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the lease are for a one (1) year period, with consideration ten cents per square foot per year, being One Thousand One Hundred Fifty no/100 (\$1,150.00) Dollars per year, with an option to extend for one year, all as set forth in the attached Lease Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, and Etiole Patrimony, L.L.C.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease that property shown and depicted as Lot 39 on the Layout Plan, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto.

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 that property more fully shown and depicted as Lot 39 on the Airport Layout Plan of October 1993, as revised September 2000, to Etiole Patrimony, L.L.C., for the term of one (1) year, with an option to extend for one year, and with an annual rental of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty no/100 (\$1,150.00) Dollars per year.

(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 Etiole Patrimony, L.L.C., leasing that property shown and described as Lot 39 on the Airport Layout Plan of of October 1993, as revised September 2000, for the term of one (1) year, with an option to extend for one year, and with the annual rental of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty no/100 (\$1,150.00)Dollars.

(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 takes cognizance of the fact that the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 069 OF 2020

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 070 OF 2020

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 071 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALEX J. WASHINGTON
AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Home Rule Charter the City Attorney shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the council, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., desires to appoint Alex J. Washington as City Attorney for the City of Natchitoches.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby take cognizance that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., appoint Alex J. Washington as City Attorney for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Home Rule Charter.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby confirm the appointment of Alex J. Washington as the City Attorney for the City of Natchitoches.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 072 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
NATCHITOCHES AND REGIONAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR
PHASE 3 STREET REHABILITATION**

(BID NO. 0629)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to Regional Construction, LLC (CONTRACTOR) on October 12, 2020 by Ordinance No. 052 of 2020 in the amount of \$499,719.25 for Phase 3 Street Rehabilitation (Bid No. 0629); and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2020 CONTRACTOR issued Change Order No. 1, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be increased by this Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$61,141.95 and the revised contract total will be \$560,861.20; and

WHEREAS, the contract time will be increased by this Change Order No. 1 from Seventy-Five (75) calendar days to Eighty-Four (84) calendar days; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Nick Verret, has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 1 is in the best interest of the CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the referenced Change Order No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the contractor, Regional Construction, LLC.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 073 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RISK SERVICES
OF LOUISIANA, INC. FOR PROPERTY INSURANCE
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee has reviewed the proposals submitted for property insurance for the City of Natchitoches and recommends the contract be awarded to Risk Services of Louisiana, Inc. in the amount of **\$154,781.50** for the policy period **October 11, 2020** through **October 11, 2021**.

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 the contract as above referenced.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 074 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
NATCHITOCHEES AND SOUTHERN ROOFING & VINYL SIDING, LLC FOR
THE NATCHITOCHEES EVENTS CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

(BID NO. 0623)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to Southern Roofing & Vinyl Siding, LLC (CONTRACTOR) on February 10, 2020 by Ordinance No. 008 of 2020 in the amount of \$235,000.00 for the Natchitoches Events Center Roof Replacement Project (Bid No. 0623); and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2020 CONTRACTOR issued Change Order No. 1, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be increased by this Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$11,877.50 and the revised contract total will be \$246,877.50; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Randal Smoak, has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 1 is in the best interest of the CITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute the referenced Change Order No. 1 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the contractor, Southern Roofing & Vinyl Siding, LLC.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Mr. Smoak, engineer for this project, stated this change order does two things. First there is a deduct giving a credit back to the city for some charges that occurred because of the contractor's work. The other item is for the addition of the item increasing the protection of the roof which will prevent water from getting underneath the roof sheets.

Mr. Carl Sias had some questions regarding the overhang and is this a result of the gutters not being cleaned.

Mr. Smoak stated this is not related to the work being done and further explained the scope of the project.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 075 OF 2020

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE EXISTING SERVITUDES AND EASEMENT AND ESTABLISH NEW SERVITUDES AND EASEMENT FOR THE RELOCATION OF WATERLINES ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THE AUTO MALL OF NATCHITOCHESSUBDIVISION, SAID EASEMENTS DEPICTED ON MAPS ATTACHED TO SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE EXISTING SERVITUDES AND EASEMENT AND ESTABLISH NEW SERVITUDES AND EASEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHESS, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has negotiated an Agreement to Terminate Existing Servitudes and Easement and Establish New Servitudes and Easement on property owned by Smith & Company, LLC, being more fully described as Lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Auto Mall of Natchitoches Subdivision, situated on the Northeast corner of the intersection of Louisiana Highway 6 and Interstate 49, for the relocation of waterlines and related water distribution equipment; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, in order to facilitate the proposed development, the City has agreed to the relocation of its waterlines at the cost of the developer; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, an Agreement to Terminate Existing Servitudes and Easement and Establish New Servitudes and Easement has been negotiated and drafted and a copy is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches to enter into the Agreement to Terminate Existing Servitudes and Easement and Establish New Servitudes and Easement, and the Council desires to have the Agreement to Terminate Existing Servitudes and Easement and Establish New Servitudes and Easement executed on behalf of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Natchitoches City Council, in legal session convened, does hereby approve of the attached Agreement to Terminate Existing Servitudes and Easement and Establish New Servitudes and Easement, and does further hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement to Terminate Existing Servitudes and Easement and Establish New Servitudes and Easement on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of October, 2020.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

