

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
SPECIAL CALL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020 AT 2:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Municipal Building, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Lee Posey
Councilman At Large Don Mims, Jr.
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow
Councilman Lawrence Batiste

Guests: None

Absent: None

Mayor Lee Posey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Mayor Posey asked Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow led the invocation and Mayor Posey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Posey mentioned the count is at 5 deaths for our community due to COVID-19. Please keep those families in your prayers who have had someone pass away during this time as well as others who have passed in our community not due to the pandemic.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 018 OF 2020

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A UTILITY EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR UTILITIES ACROSS PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN RIGHT OF WAY OF KEYSER AVENUE OWNED BY MURSIMCO, INC., SAID EASEMENT TO BE RELOCATED AS DEPICTED ON A SURVEY BY BRANDON C. THORNTON, DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2020 AND REVISED MARCH 1, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO UTILITY AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, James R. Sandefur and Paula S. Sandefur granted a Right of Way Permit for Utilities in favor of the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”), said Right of Way Permit for Utilities dated February 15, 1994, and recorded at Conveyance Book 494, page 778 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter “Utility Easement”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Utility Easement was twenty feet in width and is depicted on a sketch attached to the Utility Easement recorded at Conveyance Book 494, page 778; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Mursimco, Inc., is the current record fee owner of the property encumbered by the above described Utility Easement, and Mursimco, Inc., has requested that the Utility Easement be amended in order to relocate the easement as shown and depicted on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton, dated February 3, 2020 as revised March 1, 2020, and recorded at Map Slide 806-A, original instrument 418220, of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the utility department of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed relocation of the utility easement and has approved same; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a First Amendment to Utility Easement Agreement 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 First Amendment to Utility Easement Agreement, and the Council desires to have the First Amendment to Utility Easement Agreement 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 First Amendment to Utility Easement Agreement, and does further hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to Utility Easement Agreement, on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.

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

AYES: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 5th day of May, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

Mayor Posey asked Mr. Brossette to explain what the easement will entail. Mr. Brossette stated this entails moving the utility lines beside and behind the building because the lines previously outlined would run through the center of the building that will be built for Hobby Lobby.

Mayor Posey stated these lines have to be relocated to build the building, parking lot, out parcels.

Mr. Brossette stated the City purchased the right of way years ago and we will now do away with that and like he mentioned go around behind the building.

Mr. Mims commended the Fire Department for the work they did in containing the fire that affected the Front Street businesses. They did an outstanding job and basically saved downtown. The wood in those buildings are over 100 years old and it was amazing what they did to stop that fire.

Mr. Harrington stated he went out there that morning and he was surprised to see the Chief, John Wynn come out of the building himself, so it was all hands on deck. He was impressed to see this.

Mayor Posey stated there is camaraderie amongst several departments like fire, police and utility. They all take care of each other. He stated Mr. Mayeaux had a lot of meat in his walk in cooler and he offered it to those guys at the Fire Department to thank them for what they had done.

Ms. Morrow stated Atmos Energy has done some repair work throughout the city and it was mentioned when they finished they would be back to finish. She asked if they have finished.

Mayor Posey stated they are not yet finished. He has received the same call over in East Natchitoches about the sidewalks and yards and Atmos has stated they are almost finished and will begin repairs soon.

With no further discussion, Mayor Posey made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE