

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 AT 5:30 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 Monday, July 13, 2020 at 5:30 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. Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow led the invocation and Councilman Eddie Harrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Posey then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the June 22, 2020 meeting. Mr. Mims moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Ms. Morrow, a roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

PLANNING & ZONING – APPEAL:

APPLICANT/OWNER: Kyle Smith

Purpose: the City Council to review a decision of the Natchitoches Planning and Zoning Commission at the June 2, 2020 meeting that **approved** the application regarding the vacant land at 1702 Hwy 504. To subdivide 30.561 AC. - to create separate parcels for commercial development (1702 LA Hwy 504)

Mayor Posey opened the floor for comments in reference to the appeal.

Dianne Poe of 1737 Hwy 504 read a statement she had prepared to the City Council tonight. On the basis of safety, she was there to appeal the decision of Kyle Smith to divide his property into three businesses whose entrances and exits will be onto Highway 504. She stated this area is a narrow road with two blind curves, a speed limit of 35 mph, and a heavily populated residential neighborhood. As a state highway, there is a steady stream on traffic of residents who live along this highway as well as commercial vehicles. She believes added three commercial exits will slow the flow of traffic and create a potentially deadly situation. She stated she is not against the two car dealerships going in, but she is concerned about the safety and it is common sense to not allow such a hazardous situation for the citizens which you represent. She believes bodily injury and possibly death will occur due to poor planning, poor decision making and the wrong motivation to

proceed despite the warning signs she has expressed here tonight. She presented pictures to the council of the blind curve she has mentioned in her statement tonight.

Jonah Poe of 1537 Hwy 504 approached the podium and stated he is opposed to the division of the property in question. He asked why Mr. Kyle Smith has never been present at the council meetings, but rather represented by a secretary or his father? Mayor Posey stated he was informed Mr. Roger Smith, Kyle's father, had taken over the project and would be working on the negotiations regarding the project. Mr. Poe then asked, when was the most recent traffic study conducted for Hwy 504? Mayor Posey stated in conversation with the LA-DOTD in reference to Hwy 504 and Hwy 6, it was his understanding that Hwy 6 is more dangerous of the two highways. LA-DOTD is in the planning stages of implementing a roundabout on Hwy 6, but asked them to please look at Hwy 504 to address any safety issues if there were any. Mayor Posey stated LA-DOTD received a request to reduce the speed on Hwy 504 which has already been implemented. Mr. Poe then stated, it is unfortunate, but most are not following that reduced speed limit. He then reiterated he is opposed to the further division of this property. He believes the construction of businesses which open onto Hwy 504 will produce a dangerous increase in traffic on an already narrow, partially obscured road.

Carol White has lived on Hwy 504 for 45 years stated she has always loved it and loves it now with the trees and spanish moss along with the history they have put into it. This is a beautiful rolling hilly road that is a busy connector between Hwy 6 and Hwy 1. The traffic on this highway is indescribable. On July 4th, the number of boats and trailers that traveled this highway was magnificent, but it is also busy with other traffic on a daily basis. She also mentioned the number of side roads that connect to Hwy 504 and the number of children that live down those roads. Mrs. White has livestock and having so on Hwy 504 is problematic because people go too fast and also weather conditions have proven to be a problem. She stated she is concerned about the risk of the drivers along this highway. There are several blind curves between my property and Hwy 6. She stated she is against any business that would bring that much traffic and that much more litter to Hwy 504.

Mayor Posey then stated Planning and Zoning did approve the application for this project and we have asked the LA-DOTD to look into this closely from a safety standpoint. He then asked for any comments from the council or anyone else from the audience.

Mr. Harrington stated he had a comment regarding procedures as it related to this project. We voted on this previously, am I correct? What is different, that this is being brought up again?

Mayor Posey stated, the property owner has a certain time frame to appeal the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Harrington stated he understands that, but why are we voting on it again?

Mr. Roger Smith, the property owner's father, stated this came up in 2018 and was approved where there was only one dealership was being presented at that time. Two years later, we now have two dealers interested in the property therefore it is necessary to have the property further subdivided into two different tracts with warranted bringing it back before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Harrington asked, so it is still being used for generally what it was originally intended for, but instead of one business it is now going to be separated?

Mr. Smith stated, yes, the two businesses will be contiguous with one another. The rest of the land has not been developed and there are no immediate plans on what it will be used for at this time.

Further comments were made by Mrs. Poe and rebutted by Mr. Smith in reference to this appeal. For a full rendering of the audio containing the minutes of the meeting, please contact City Hall at 318-352-2772.

After all comments were heard, Mr. Nielsen made a motion to deny the appeal of the Natchitoches Planning and Zoning Commission where at the June 2, 2020 meeting they **approved** the application regarding the vacant land at 1702 Hwy 504. To subdivide 30.561 AC. - to create separate parcels for commercial development (1702 LA Hwy 504), seconded by Mr. Mims. A roll call vote was recorded as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 036 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TERMINATE AN EXISTING LEASE WITH NATCHITOCES FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. AND TO EXECUTE A NEW LEASE IN FAVOR OF NATCHITOCES FAIR ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NATCHITOCES FAIRGROUNDS, SETTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAME, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE BY THE MAYOR, LEE POSEY, AFTER DUE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (City) and the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association, entered into a Lease Agreement dated June 29, 1963, recorded at Conveyance Book 254, page 729, under which the City did lease to the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association a certain tract of land containing 18 acres to be used by the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association as a fair ground; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the original lease was amended in 1976 and in 2000, and the City now desires to terminate that Lease and enter into a new lease with Natchitoches Fair Association, Inc., a copy of said lease being attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the term of the new lease will be for one year with automatic annual extensions for no more than ten years, and said new lease to otherwise largely in conformity with the existing lease; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property to be leased is utilized as the site for the annual Natchitoches Parish Fair; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to continue to make the property available for use associated with the Natchitoches Parish Fair and to that end the City has negotiated the lease of the property to Natchitoches Fair Association, Inc., under the terms more fully set forth in the attached lease; 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 the Mayor, Lee Posey, is authorized and directed to give notice to Natchitoches Parish Fair, Inc. of the intent of the City of Natchitoches to terminate that Lease Agreement entered into by the City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Parish Fair Association, dated June 29, 1963, recorded at Conveyance Book 254, page 729, as amended in 1976 and in 2000

(2) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease that portion of its 18 acre tract located on Fairgrounds Road for the term of one year, with up to ten automatic one year extensions on the terms and conditions as are all as more fully described in the attached lease.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) That the Mayor, Lee Posey, be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of Natchitoches Parish Fair, Inc., leasing the property utilized for the Natchitoches Parish Fair on Fairgrounds Road for the term of one year, with up to ten automatic one year extensions, on the terms and conditions as are all as more fully described in the attached lease.

(6) 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.

(7) That the City declares that the property to be leased to be surplus property not needed for public purposes by the City.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 8, 2020 and posted at Natchitoches City Hall on June 9, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 11, June 18 and June 25, 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: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Morrow
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Harrington

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 13th day of July, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

Mayor Posey stated, the City is moving towards no longer doing long term leases and this is approving the lease on an annual basis.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 037 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 32 OF 2019 IN ORDER TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF A 0.39 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT OF LAND IN SECTIONS 48 AND 137, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF OLD ROBELINE ROAD TO EMRES II LOUISIANA, LLC, TOGETHER WITH AN OPTION TO PURCHASE SAID PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, LEE POSEY, TO EXECUTE A DEED AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “City”) is the owner of property situated on the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road, at the southwest corner of the intersection of Old Robeline Road and the abandoned right of way of Forest Street, said tract being 0.39 acres, more or less, (sometimes hereinafter “Subject Tract”) which tract is situated in Sections 48 and 137, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and is shown and depicted as “Substation” on a survey by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson, Inc., a copy of which is recorded at Conveyance Book 577, page 605 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and which is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

That certain parcel, lot or tract of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon situated, located in Sections 48 and 137, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, situated on the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road, and being more particularly shown and depicted as “Substation” on a survey by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson, Inc., a copy of which is recorded at Conveyance Book 577, page 605 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and described thereon as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the westernmost point of Tract “C” as shown and depicted on the September 22, 2003, survey by Cannon, said point also being the eastern corner of the intersection of Old Robeline Road and College Avenue, thence South 20 degrees 6 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 43.74 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of College Avenue; thence North 86 degrees 00 minutes 17 seconds West a distance of 55.48 feet to the point of beginning being the Northeast corner of the subject property; thence from the point of beginning South 20 degrees 36 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 110.62 feet; thence South 69 degrees 5 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 143.40 feet; thence North 22 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 112.20 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road; thence in an easterly direction along the southerly right of way of Old Robeline Road and College Avenue to the point of beginning.

; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Subject Tract is the location of an old electrical substation that is no longer in use by the Utility Department of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City previously negotiated with Emres II Louisiana, LLC, (sometimes hereinafter “Emres”) for the sale and purchase of the Subject Tract for the sum and price of 12,500.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Subject Property has been appraised by Dranguet’s Appraisal Service which said appraisal reflects that the sales price is the same as the appraised value; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, by Ordinance No. 32 of 2019, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches did approve the conveyance of the Subject Tract to Emres for the sum and price of \$12,500.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, subsequent to the adoption of Ordinance No. 32 of 2019, Emres expressed its preference to enter into a Lease with option to purchase the Subject Tract, whereby it would lease the property for three years for the annual consideration of \$500.00 and have an option to purchase the property for the sum and price of \$12,500.00 at the end of the lease term; and

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the Subject Tract is not currently needed by the City for any public purpose, and that its lease and ultimate conveyance to Emres is in the interest to the City; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the terms set forth in the proposed Lease with Option to Purchase attached hereto are approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Lee Posey, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute the Lease with Option to Purchase on behalf of the City of Natchitoches and any other documents that may be necessary to complete the lease of the property to Emres II Louisiana, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed conveyance 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.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the Subject Tract is not currently needed for public purposes by the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that in the event that Emres should exercise its option to purchase and is in good standing under the terms of the lease, then in that event, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches shall be authorized to execute a deed conveying the property to Emres.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 8, 2020 and posted at Natchitoches City Hall on June 9, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 11, June 18 and June 25, 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: **Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**
NAYS: **None**
ABSENT: **None**
ABSTAIN: **None**

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 13th day of July, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

Mayor Posey stated this is the piece of ground at the old Frog Pond Apartments that is a part of the City's old substation. It is no longer needed by the city and this was an opportunity for this company to take on.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 040 of 2020

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Natchitoches of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 13, 2020 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

PUBLIC SAFETY FAC/SER FIRE & POLICE 9.690 mills

GENERAL ALIMONY 6.820 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that cognizance is taken by the City Council that this Ordinance was introduced on the 22nd day of June, 2020 and published in the Natchitoches Times on June 25, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the foregoing Ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Ordinance was adopted by the following votes.

YEAS: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 13th day of July, 2020.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the ordinance adopted at the meeting held on July 13, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Natchitoches, Louisiana, this 13th day of July, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 041 of 2020

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Natchitoches of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 13, 2020, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2020, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2020 Levy</u>
mills	PUBLIC SAFETY FAC/SER FIRE & POLICE <u>9.690</u> mills	<u>10.000</u>
mills	GENERAL ALIMONY <u>6.820</u> mills	<u>7.030</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that cognizance is taken by the City Council that this Ordinance was introduced on the 22nd day of June, 2020 and published in the Natchitoches Times on June 25, 2020.

The foregoing ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the ordinance was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 13th day of July, 2020.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the ordinance adopted at the meeting held on July 13, 2020, at which meeting at least two-thirds of the total membership was present and voting.

Natchitoches, Louisiana, this 13th day of July, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 042 OF 2020

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR BUILDING RENOVATIONS AT 720 SIXTH STREET**

(BID NO. 0625)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.099 of 2020 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on December 27, 2019 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Building Renovations at the 720 Sixth Street (Bid No. 0625); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, May 9, May 16, and May 23, 2020 in accordance with law; and

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

- (1) DSW Construction
Natchitoches, LA.....\$695,775.00
- (2) Pat Williams Construction
Leesville, LA..... \$722,000.00
- (3) Skip Converse, Inc.
Pineville, LA..... \$740,900.00
- (4) Martin Metal Construction
Natchitoches, LA.....\$749,850.00
- (5) Prothro Construction
Natchitoches, LA.....No submittal

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2020 the appointed committee of Debbie Miley, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Randy LaCaze, Community Development Director; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for Building Renovations at 720 Sixth Street (Bid No. 0625); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **DSW Construction** in the amount of **\$695,775.00** less a value engineering deduction of **\$77,796.00** making the total base bid **\$617,979.00**.

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 22, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 25, 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: **Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**
NAYS: **None**

ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to
0 Nays this 13th day of July, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 046 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO SUPPORT THE COST TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE NATCHITOCHEs PARISH VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE.

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 Veterans Affairs (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “LDVA”) is a state agency within the Executive Branch of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Louisiana Revised Statute - Title 29: Section 251-262, as amended and reenacted, specifically provides enabling legislation for LDVA, as to estimate and recover part of the operations cost of parish veterans service offices; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the CITY desires to support local veterans and improve their access to benefits and services by providing for both the cost to maintain and operate veterans service offices and space to house such service offices as provided by law, more fully identified in the attached Cooperative Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches shall pay to the order of LDVA an annual payment of \$11,182.00 to support the cost to operate and maintain the veterans service office; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, this Cooperative Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to approve the attached Cooperative Agreement, and further desires to authorize the Mayor, Lee Posey, to execute same on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council in legal session convened that it does hereby approve the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Lee Posey, is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 13th day of July, 2020.

Lee Posey, Mayor

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

RESOLUTION NO. 047 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION AGREEMENT TO A CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERVICE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN HAMMERMAN & GAINER, INC. AND THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2022.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (“CITY”) entered into a Claims Service Agreement with Hammerman & Gainer, Inc. effective March 15, 2000, for an original term of one year and which said contract extended for successive terms to expire at midnight on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City extended the Claims Service Agreement on June 12, 2017, for an additional one - year period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City extended the Claims Service Agreement on June 11, 2018 for an additional two – year period from July 1, 2018 through June 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the CITY and Hammerman & Gainer, Inc. have agreed to amend the term of the original Agreement and extend the term for a period of two (2) years beginning on July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Service Fee shall be \$39,660.74 for each annual period of this Extension Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches in legal session convened, does hereby authorize, empower, and direct the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, to execute the “Extension Agreement” to the Claims Administration Services Contract, between the City of Natchitoches and Hammerman & Gainer, Inc. for the period July 1, 2020 through and including June 30, 2022.

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 13th day of July, 2020.

Lee Posey, Mayor

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

RESOLUTION NO. 048 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR LEE POSEY
TO ADOPT THE REQUIRED PLANS, POLICIES, APPOINTMENTS AND
AUTHORIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE LCDBG
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has been awarded a FY 2020 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for Water Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires the adoption of plans and policies, appointments and authorization of individuals for compliance with the LCDBG regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the regulations of the LCDBG Program to authorize certain individuals to sign for Requests for Payment for LCDBG funds and to authorize one individual to certify to the correctness of each signature, designate an official depository to hold LCDBG funds and authorize certain individuals to sign checks on the official depository; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Natchitoches in regular session convened that the following plans and policies be adopted; (1) Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (2) Language Access Plan (3) Policy Statement for Communicating Information to Persons with Sensory Impairments (4) Section 504 Grievance Procedure and (5) Section 504 Assurance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following appointments and authorization of individuals are made; (1) Handicapped/Section 504 Compliance/Coordinator – Stacy McQueary (2) Antidisplacement Coordinator – Stacy McQueary, (3) Equal Employment Officer – Stacy McQueary, (4) Citizen Complaint Officer – Stacy McQueary, (5) Labor Compliance Officer - LCDBG Administrator, and (6) Authorize the Mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the LCDBG Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lee Posey, Don Mims, Jr., Charles Brossette, and Deborah A. Miley are hereby authorized to sign for Requests for Payment; Stacy McQueary shall certify to the correctness of each signature, that Sabine State Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and that Lee Posey and Deborah A. Miley are authorized to sign checks on the official depository, of which two signatures are required for each check.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the above referenced adoptions and appointments supersede any and all previous adoptions pertaining to the aforementioned items.

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 13th day of July, 2020.

Lee Posey, Mayor

