

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Lee Posey
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
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 Lawrence Batiste led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Posey then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the July 27, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Mr. Nielsen, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the August 10, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 044 OF 2020

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

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

1. Alvin R. & Monica T. Bradley
270 Mockingbird Lane
Grambling, LA 71245

Lot 11 Block 3 Of Ellis Dean Addition (1217 Dean St.)

2. Corey Layfield
660 Holman Loop
Campti, LA 71411

Lot 21 Block 3 Of Ellis Dean Addition (1124 Allen St.)

3. Myrtis Handy
406 Hedges St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Rosa Green
115 Alaska St.
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Lot 1 Block AD of Roy Addition (130 Howell St.)

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced at the August 10, 2020 City Council meeting.

Ms. Morrow stated Mrs. Myrtis had passed away, but she has spoken to Rosa Green and she knows the condition of the property at 130 Howell Street. The house has been burned, is in bad condition, and needs to be cleaned up. She stated she will notify Rosa Green to be at the next meeting.

Mr. Nielsen asked if there was any correspondence with the property owners on this list tonight.

Ms. Roque stated, yes, the son of the property owner of 130 Howell Street contacted her stating they want to do the demolition of the property so that the City does not condemn it and she has given them a certain amount of time to get back with Planning and Zoning before the proceedings are taken care of.

Mr. Nielsen then stated after voted upon, they will have 30 days to do something correct?

Ms. Roque stated that is correct.

Mrs. Smith, stated what about the other two property owners? Have they been contacted?

Ms. Roque stated no. She stated she has reached out to the Bradleys and Layfields, but no one has come forward at this time. Before we bring this before the council, we give the property owners plenty of time to address the condition of the property. The property on Dean Street actually burned over two years ago and the one on Allen Street has been overgrown and dilapidated for some time.

Ms. Morrow stated the horrible part about #3 is it an asbestos situation which is very dangerous and a safety hazard.

Mayor Posey stated the process is lengthy, but we give the property owners every opportunity to address their situation before bringing it before the council. These properties are usually turned in by adjacent neighbors and as the City we then have to address the situation.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 043 OF 2020

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR THE WATER TREATMENT RENOVATION, BACKWASH EFFLUENT
TRANSFER SYSTEM**

(BID NO. 0626)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.007 of 2020 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on February 10, 2020 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Water Treatment Renovation, Backwash Effluent Transfer System (Bid No. 0626); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, February 20, February 27, and March 5, 2020 in accordance with law; and

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

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| (1) ASB Utility Construction, LLC
Shreveport, LA..... | \$682,400.00 |
| (2) Dixie Overland Construction, LLC Construction
Sibley, LA..... | \$742,860.00 |
| (3) Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC
Harrisonburg, LA..... | \$763,175.00 |
| (4) David Lawler Construction
Shreveport, LA..... | \$793,000.00 |
| (5) Pulley Construction, Inc.,
Bossier City, LA..... | \$835,176.00 |

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2020 the appointed committee of Debbie Miley, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Charles Brossette, Utility Director; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for the Water Treatment Renovation, Backwash Effluent Transfer System (Bid No. 0626); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **ASB Utility Construction** in the amount of **\$682,400.00**.

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 July 27, 2020 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on July 30, 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, Smith, 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 10th day of August, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 11th day of August, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the August 10, 2020 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 045 OF 2020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020-2021 BUDGET
TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

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

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

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

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

FUND 001 (GENERAL FUND)		2020-2021	2020-2021	2020-2021
001-5000-491-00-01	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS-Reimbursement	0	\$ 58,750	58,750
001-5000-491-00-00	Cash Balance Brought Forward	<u>\$ 2,210,936</u>	<u>\$ 879,064</u>	<u>\$ 3,090,000</u>
	TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 2,210,936</u>	<u>\$ 937,814</u>	<u>\$ 3,148,750</u>
FUND 001	FINANCE DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5000-500-1001	Administrative	198,795	1,305	200,100
001-5000-500-1002	Non-Administrative	248,309	4,966	253,275
	Benefits			
001-5000-500-1101	Municipal Retirement	105,959	4,295	110,254
001-5000-500-1112	FICA/Medicare	6,771	60	6,831
001-5000-500-1113	Health Insurance	48,734	3,899	52,633
001-0000-000-3013	BUILDING AND GROUNDS	1,500	500	2,000
001-0000-000-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	5,500	5,500
001-0000-000-3516	Promotion/Improvements	500	1,500	2,000
001-0000-000-3560	Rentals	6,500	1,000	7,500
FUND 001	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5100-510-1001	Administrative	89,093	1,035	90,128
001-5100-510-1002	Non-Administrative	121,328	2,427	123,755

	Benefits			
001-5100-510-1101	Municipal Retirement	43,662	873	44,535
001-5100-510-1112	FICA/Medicare	7,771	125	7,896
	Operating Cost			
001-5100-510-2622	Other equipment	5,300	1,500	6,800
001-5100-510-3011	chemicals	900	500	1,400
001-5100-510-3031	Data Processing equipment	5,620	2,500	8,120
001-5100-510-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/BEAUTIFICATION	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5103-510-1009	Administrative	44,428	890	45,318
001-5103-510-1009	Non-Administrative	60,369	1,210	61,579
	Benefits			
001-5103-510-1101	Municipal Retirement	24,746	1,200	25,946
001-5103-510-1112	FICA/Medicare	6,787	135	6,922
001-5103-510-1113	Health Insurance	12,529	2,500	15,029
	Operating Cost			
001-5103-510-3003	Fuel	4,500	360	4,860
001-5103-510-3516	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Operating Cost			
001-5104-510-2015	PEST CONTROL	2,000	300	2,300
001-5104-510-2503	WATER & SEWER	5,500	550	6,050
001-5104-510-3516	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GROUND MAINTENANCE	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5105-510-1002	Non-Administrative	38,937	780	39,717
	Benefits			
001-5105-510-1101	Municipal Retirement	11,185	224	11,409
001-5105-510-1112	FICA/Medicare	515	10	525
001-5105-510-1113	HEALTH INSURANCE	8,444	750	9,194
	Operating Cost			
001-5105-510-2015	PEST CONTROL	2,000	500	2,500
001-5105-510-2503	WATER & SEWER	5,500	825	6,325
FUND 001	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget

	Wages			
001-5106-510-1002	Non-Administrative	33,736	704	34,440
	Benefits			0
001-5106-510-1101	Municipal Retirement	10,597	208	10,805
001-5106-510-1112	FICA/Medicare	524	11	535
001-5106-510-1113	HEALTH INSURANCE	7,264	750	8,014
	Operating Cost			
001-5106-510-3516	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	750	750
FUND 001	PLANNING & ZONING	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5200-520-1001	Administrative	85,953	115	86,068
001-5200-520-1002	Non-Administrative	122,695	157	122,852
	Benefits			
001-5200-520-1101	Municipal Retirement	58,662	80	58,742
001-5200-520-1112	FICA/Medicare	2,910	5	2,915
	Operating Cost			
001-5200-520-3516	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
001-5200-520-3537	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	700	250	950
FUND 001	FIRE	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5300-530-1001	Administrative	171,217	1,750	172,967
001-5300-530-1002	Non-Administrative	1,594,137	23,912	1,618,049
	Benefits			
001-5300-530-1101	Municipal Retirement	6,940	2,500	9,440
001-5300-530-1102	Fire Fighters Retirement	717,607	7,176	724,783
001-5300-530-1113	FICA/Medicare	31,186	2,500	33,686
	Operating Cost			
001-5300-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	2,000	2,500	4,500
FUND 001	POLICE	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5401-540-1001	Administrative	145,739	2,186	147,925
001-5401-540-1002	Non-Administrative	2,398,860	59,972	2,458,832
	Benefits			
001-5401-540-1101	Municipal Retirement	772,015	15,440	787,455
001-5401-540-1023	EDUCATION INCENTIVE	65,000	2,600	67,600
001-5401-540-1112	FICA/Medicare	52,534	1,051	53,585
	Operating Cost			
001-5401-540-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	ANIMAL SHELTER	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5402-540-1001	Administrative	41,733	250	41,983

001-5402-540-1002	Non-Administrative	43,861	260	44,121
	Benefits			
001-5402-540-1101	Municipal Retirement	25,250	150	25,400
001-5402-540-1112	FICA/Medicare	1,207	10	1,217
	Operating Cost			
001-5402-540-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	PURCHASING DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5501-550-1001	Administrative	87,097	619	87,716
001-5501-550-1002	Non-Administrative	101,578	463	102,041
	Benefits			
001-5501-550-1101	Municipal Retirement	47,327	136	47,463
001-5501-550-1112	FICA/Medicare	3,446	7	3,453
	Operating Cost			
001-5501-550-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	CITY GARAGE DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5502-550-1002	Non-Administrative	174,658	3,304	177,962
	Benefits			
001-5502-550-1101	Municipal Retirement	49,768	430	50,198
001-5502-550-1112	FICA/Medicare	2,115	21	2,136
	Operating Cost			
001-5502-550-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	RECREATION	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5600-560-1001	Administrative	94,226	1885	96,111
001-5600-560-1002	Non-Administrative	51,156	3,304	54,460
	Benefits			
001-5600-560-1101	Municipal Retirement	43,566	430	43,996
001-5600-560-1102	FICA/Medicare	11,333	21	11,354
	Operating Cost			
001-5600-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	5,000	5,000
FUND 001	RECREATION/MLK	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-5602-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	RECREATION/FLAG FOOTBALL	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-5603-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	RECREATION/BASKETBALL	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-5604-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	RECREATION/TRACK	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget

001-5605-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	RECREATION/BASEBALL/SOF TBALLL	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-5606-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	RECREATION/VOLLEYBALL	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-5607-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Wages			
001-5700-570-1001	Administrative	73,038	243	73,281
001-5700-570-1002	Non-Administrative	471,895	5,363	477,258
	Benefits			
001-5700-570-1101	Municipal Retirement	131,871	2,637	134,508
001-5700-570-1112	FICA/Medicare	16,549	82	16,631
	Operating Cost			
001-5700-550-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	INDIRECT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Operating Cost			
001-5800-580-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	14,138	45,000	59,138
FUND 001	CITY COURT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-5800-580-1001	Administrative	187,659	477	188,136
001-5800-580-1002	Non-Administrative		1,107	1,107
	Benefits			
001-5800-580-1101	Municipal Retirement	45,038	468	45,506
001-5800-580-1112	FICA/Medicare	11,635	25	11,660
	Operating Cost			
001-5800-580-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	MARSHALS	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-5800-580-1001	Administrative			
001-5800-580-1002	Non-Administrative	154,657	2,320	156,977
	Benefits			
001-5800-580-1101	Municipal Retirement	37,118	557	37,674
001-5800-580-1112	FICA/Medicare	9,589	10	9,599
	Operating Cost			
001-5800-580-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 001	PROGRAMMING & PROMOTIONS/MAIN STREET	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Operating Cost			
001-5901-590-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
	TOTAL EXPENSES	9,329,965	286,414	9,616,380
	NET CASH BALANCE		651,400	

FUND 002	UTILITY FUND			
REVENUE	UTILITY ADMINISTRATION	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-6000-491-00-00	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS-Reimbursement	0	51,772	51,772
EXPENSES	UTILITY ADMINISTRATION	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-6000-600-1001	Administrative	161,459	2,432	163,891
002-6000-600-1002	Non-Administrative	177,705	1,777	179,482
	Benefits			
002-6000-600-1101	Municipal Retirement	92,920	929	93,849
002-6000-600-1112	FICA/Medicare	4,299	45	4,344
	Operating Cost			
002-6000-600-2603	Building and Grounds	6,887	7,500	14,387
002-6000-600-3031	Data Processing Equipment	1,250	2,500	3,750
002-6000-600-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	100	2,400	2,500
FUND 002	WATER DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-6100-600-1001	Administrative	67,238	6,724	73,962
002-6100-600-1002	Non-Administrative	410,659	8,213	418,872
	Benefits			
002-6100-600-1101	Municipal Retirement	134,629	2,693	137,322
002-6100-600-1112	FICA/Medicare	5,873	80	5,953
	Operating Cost			
002-6100-600-2003	Engineering Services	25,000	15,000	40,000
002-6100-600-3031	Data Processing Equipment	1,250	2,500	3,750
002-6100-600-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	100	2,400	2,500
FUND 002	SEWER DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-6200-600-1001	Administrative	523,719	7,856	531,575
002-6200-600-1002	Non-Administrative	10,000	3,985	13,985
	Benefits			
002-6200-600-1101	Municipal Retirement	148,129	1,180	149,309
002-6200-600-1112	FICA/Medicare	9,179	60	9,239
	Operating Cost			
002-6200-600-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
FUND 002	ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-6300-600-1001	Administrative	99,958	9,996	109,954
002-6300-600-1002	Non-Administrative	850,674	3,985	854,659
	Benefits			
002-6300-600-1101	Municipal Retirement	270,482	1,180	271,662
002-6300-600-1112	FICA/Medicare	142,743	60	142,803
	Operating Cost			
002-6300-600-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500

FUND 002	UTILITY ANNEX	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-6400-600-1001	Administrative	55,183	5,518	60,701
002-6400-600-1002	Non-Administrative	242,892	3,643	246,535
	Benefits			0
002-6400-600-1101	Municipal Retirement	84,621	1,692	86,313
002-6400-600-1112	FICA/Medicare	4,422	150	4,572
	Operating Cost			0
002-6300-600-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
	UTILITY ANNEX IT DEPARTMENT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
002-6401-640-1001	Administrative	79,212	7,921	87,133
002-6401-640-1002	Non-Administrative	50,436	757	51,193
	Benefits			
002-6401-640-1004	Municipal Retirement	36,427	546	36,973
002-6401-640-1005	FICA/Medicare	380	50	430
	Operating Cost			
002-6300-600-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
002-6300-600-8935	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	11,100	7,500	18,600
	UTILITY ANNEX INDIRECT	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	Operating Cost			
002-6600-660-45-01	Reduce Transfer To General Fund	\$ 5,000,000	\$ (325,000)	\$ 4,675,000
002-6600-660-45-72	Transfer out to the Street 072	\$ 300,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 550,000
002-6600-660-01-10	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	5,500	5,500
	TOTAL EXPENSES	9,008,926	51,772	9,060,698
	SPECIAL FUNDS			
	EVENT CENTER OPERATIONS 040	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND TRANSFER TO 040	-	12,268	12,268
REVENUE				
040-0000-491-0100	Transfer from General fund		12,268	12,268
FUND 040	EVENT CENTER OPERATIONS 040		-	-
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EXPENSES	WAGES			
040-0000-591-1001	Administrative	67,000	225	67,225
040-0000-591-1002	Non-Administrative	143,413	1,434	144,847

	BENEFITS			-
040-0000-591-1101	Municipal Retirement	59,890	599	60,489
040-0000-591-1112	FICA/Medicare	4,367	10	4,377
040-0000-591-2003	Engineering Services	-	7,500	7,500
040-0000-591-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	-	2,500	2,500
040-0000-591-2013	Construction	-	149,500	149,500
	TOTAL EXPENSES	274,670	161,768	436,438
EXPENSES	EVENT CENTER OPERATIONS 054	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-0000-591-0101	Transfer to Green Market	-	5,200	5,200
REVENUE				
FUND 054	GREEN MARKET FUND 054			
054-0000-491-0100	Transfer from General fund	-	5,200	5,200
EXPENSES	WAGES			
054-0000-591-1002	Non-Administrative	29,779	145	29,924
	BENEFITS			
054-0000-591-1101	Municipal Retirement	8,400	45	8,445
054-0000-591-1112	FICA/Medicare	1,500	10	1,510
054-0000-591-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	-	2,500	2,500
054-0000-591-3061	Farmers Market	300	2,500	2,800
	TOTAL EXPENSES	39,979	5,200	45,179
EXPENSES	AIRPORT FUND 061	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-0000-591-0100	Transfer to Airport	-	4,217	4,217
REVENUE				
061-0000-491-0100	Transfer from General fund	-	4,217	4,217
EXPENSES	WAGES			
061-0000-591-1001	Administrative	57,526	950	58,476
061-0000-591-1002	Non-Administrative	29,354	350	29,704
	BENEFITS			
061-0000-591-1101	Municipal Retirement	25,629	400	26,029
061-0000-591-1112	FICA/Medicare	3,596	17	3,613
061-0000-591-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	-	2,500	2,500
061-0000-591-9002	EQUIPMENT		177,000	177,000

	TOTAL EXPENSES	116,105	181,217	297,322
EXPENSES		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
073-0000-591-9177	Electric Lines	-	125,000	125,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES		125,000	125,000
REVENUES	Airport Maint Projects	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
	STATE GRANT	-	375,000	375,000
	TOTAL REVENUE	-	375,000	375,000
EXPENSES				
140-0000-591-2003	Engineering Services	50,000	25,000	75,000
140-0000-591-2013	Construction Services	174,199	250,000	424,199
140-0000-591-9004	Buildings	12,310	100,000	112,310
	TOTAL EXPENSES	236,509	375,000	611,509
EXPENSES		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-0000-591-01-01	Transfer to Health Fund	0	265,000	\$ 265,000
FUND 311	HEALTH INSURANCE FUND 311			
311-0000-491-01-00	Transfer from General fund		265,000	265,000
EXPENSES		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-0000-591-01-01	Transfer to Workers Comp	0	250,000	\$ 250,000
REVENUE				
FUND 312	WORKERS COMPENSATION 312			
312-0000-491-01-00	Transfer from General fund		250,000	250,000
EXPENSES		Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
001-0000-591-01-01	Transfer to General Liability FUND 314	0	240,000	\$ 240,000
REVENUE				
FUND 314	General Liability			
314-0000-491-01-00	Transfer from General fund 001	0	240,000	240,000

EXPENSES	Capital Improvement/Special FUND 071	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
071-0000-591-4572	Transfer out to 072	400,000	250,000	650,000
Revenue	Capital Improvement/Streets FUND 072	Original Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Proposed Amended Budget
072-0000-591-4571	Transfer in from 071	400,000	250,000	650,000

Mayor Posey started by stating generally every year our employees receive a 2% cost of living increase raise. This year, when the virus hit we were uncertain as to how it was going to affect our budgets. We were unable to add it in to this year because we didn't know what the outcome was going to be, but we are actually doing better than we had expected as we saw an increase in spring. We feel comfortable we can award the 2% COLA increase to our employees at this time. The second thing is there is some COVID expenses we have been able to recoup through federal funding we applied for. We are also looking ahead to fund a street program later this year.

Ms. Miley then stated there are a couple of other line items that needed money here and there for promotions and those things which we are adding here.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 050 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020
AS AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES FOR THE YEAR 2020.**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Natchitoches appreciate the hard work of the Natchitoches City Employees; and

WHEREAS, to show appreciation for the dedicated efforts of our City Employees, the Mayor and Natchitoches City Council wish to declare, Friday, September 4, 2020 as an official City Holiday for 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Lee Posey, that Friday, September 4, 2020 be declared an Official Holiday for the City of Natchitoches Employees.

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

AYES:	Batiste, Nielsen, Smith, 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 10th day of August, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 051 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PHASE 3 STREET REHABILITATION
BID NO. 0629**

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for bids for Phase 3 Rehabilitation, Bid No. 0629; and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457 or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the project until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 held at the above mentioned Office of the Director of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals the committee of Debbie Miley, Director of Finance; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Councilman Dale Nielsen; and Michael Braxton, Public Works Director, are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

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

AYES:	Batiste, Nielsen, Smith, 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 10th day of August, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 052 OF 2020

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A 35 TON DETACHABLE GOOSENECK SPRING
RIDE TRAILER**

(BID NO. 0630)

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for bids for a 35 Ton Detachable Gooseneck Spring Ride Trailer, Bid No. 0630; and

WHEREAS, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457 or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the project until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020 held at the above mentioned Office of the Director of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals the committee of Debbie Miley, Director of Finance; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Councilwoman Betty Smith; and Charles Brossette, Utility Director, are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Lee Posey, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

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

AYES: Batiste, Nielsen, Smith, 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 10th day of July, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 053 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE CONTRACT FOR EXEMPTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES (ADVANCE NOTIFICATION #20180501) FOR ALLIANCE COMPRESSORS, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, LEE POSEY, TO DRAFT AND EXECUTE A LETTER, OR ANY OTHER INSTRUMENT NECESSARY, TO CONVEY THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO THE EXEMPTION.

WHEREAS, Alliance Compressors, LLC, has prepared and filed an application with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development under the Industrial Tax Exemption Program requesting a property tax exemption for certain property acquired by Alliance Compressors, LLC; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches was provided with notice of the Tax Exemption Application pursuant to the Rules of the Board of Commerce and Industry, effective August 20, 2018, specifically Title 13 of the Louisiana Administrative Code, Section 503 (H) (1); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has been made aware of the significant capital investment that Alliance has made through equipment acquisition for its plant located in the City of Natchitoches as well as the related retention of existing jobs and the possibility of new jobs; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, if the application is approved by Louisiana Economic Development, property taxes imposed by the City of Natchitoches would be abated ; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, having reviewed the incentive plan being offered by the State, and having been made aware of

the equipment acquisition made by Alliance, desires to cooperate with the State in order to provide the most benefit possible under the incentive plan being offered to Alliance; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana is of the opinion that the equipment acquisition will be beneficial to the City of Natchitoches in a number of ways, including increasing the future property tax basis, retention of existing jobs, and increasing new job opportunities, including construction jobs and permanent manufacturing jobs; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches and the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desire to express their approval of the Application #20180501 - ITE, made by Alliance, and further commit to take the action necessary to express their approval and acceptance of the Application made by Alliance; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Council expresses its acceptance and approval of Application #20180501 - ITE, made by Alliance.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Council expresses its gratitude to Alliance for its continued presence in the City of Natchitoches, and further desires to offer incentives that will make it possible for Alliance to not only remain in Natchitoches but to expand its operation.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana is of the opinion that the property tax exemption being offered to Alliance and the equipment acquisition made by Alliance will be beneficial to the City of Natchitoches in a number of ways, including increasing the property tax basis, retention of existing jobs, and increasing new job opportunities, including construction jobs and permanent manufacturing jobs.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Mayor, Lee Posey, is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper in connection herewith, including but not limited to execution of a

letter on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, expressing the acceptance and approval of Application #20180501 - ITE, made by Alliance.

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

AYES: Batiste, Nielsen, Smith, 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 10th day of August, 2020.

LEE POSEY, MAYOR

Mayor Posey stated basically what you want is your industry reinvesting in their company by updating their equipment. We reached out to the NLEP and this is something most municipalities automatically do. This shows you have faith in the industries in your community. Alliance employs over 400 employees depending on the season which provides jobs in our community and have been a great partner for the City of Natchitoches.

Mrs. Smith then stated a good thing is this will create five additional jobs which is a plus.

Mayor Posey then gave those in attendance a report from a weekly phone conference he listens in on as it relates to COVID-19 in our area. The State Fire Marshal's office has presence in our community to address business concerns from the public if the business is not following the state guidelines. At this time there have been 24 complaint calls within our community. There have been a lot of people in the downtown area engaging in activities that allow them to socially distance and enjoy Natchitoches. We are seeing a lot of people wearing their mask as they go in businesses which is encouraging. He then stated, Natchitoches is just under 800 cases with 19 deaths which he does not like, but the good news is we have not exceeded hospitalizations or ventilators.

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **August 24, 2020.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Posey made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

/s/
LEE POSEY, MAYOR

/s/
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE