

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 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 24, 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: Stephanie Metoyer – First Time Home Owner through Fuller Center Foundation

Absent: None

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

Mayor Posey then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the August 10, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Mr. Harrington, a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Ms. Morrow presented a certificate to Stephanie Metoyer for her being a first-time homeowner in District 3 through the Fuller Center Foundation.

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:

<b>FUND 001 (GENERAL FUND)</b>		<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
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>
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,210,936</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 937,814</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,148,750</u></b>
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>FINANCE DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	<b>Wages</b>			
001-5000-500-1001	Administrative	198,795	1,305	200,100
001-5000-500-1002	Non-Administrative	248,309	4,966	253,275
	<b>Benefits</b>			
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
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	<b>Wages</b>			
001-5100-510-1001	Administrative	89,093	1,035	90,128
001-5100-510-1002	Non-Administrative	121,328	2,427	123,755

	<b>Benefits</b>			
001-5100-510-1101	Municipal Retirement	43,662	873	44,535
001-5100-510-1112	FICA/Medicare	7,771	125	7,896
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
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
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/BEAUTIFICATION</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	<b>Wages</b>			
001-5103-510-1009	Administrative	44,428	890	45,318
001-5103-510-1009	Non-Administrative	60,369	1,210	61,579
	<b>Benefits</b>			
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
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
001-5103-510-3003	Fuel	4,500	360	4,860
001-5103-510-3516	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/OTHER MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
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
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/GROUND MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	<b>Wages</b>			
001-5105-510-1002	Non-Administrative	38,937	780	39,717
	<b>Benefits</b>			
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
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
001-5105-510-2015	PEST CONTROL	2,000	500	2,500
001-5105-510-2503	WATER & SEWER	5,500	825	6,325
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>

	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
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
001-5106-510-3516	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	750	750
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	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
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
001-5200-520-3516	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
001-5200-520-3537	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	700	250	950
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	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
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
001-5300-560-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	2,000	2,500	4,500
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>POLICE</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	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
	<b>Operating Cost</b>			
001-5401-540-3068	COVID 19-CONAVIRUS	0	2,500	2,500
<b>FUND 001</b>	<b>ANIMAL SHELTER</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	Wages			
001-5402-540-1001	Administrative	41,733	250	41,983

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

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

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

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

	<b>BENEFITS</b>			-
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
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>274,670</b>	<b>161,768</b>	<b>436,438</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>EVENT CENTER OPERATIONS 054</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
001-0000-591-0101	Transfer to Green Market	-	5,200	5,200
<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>FUND 054</b>	<b>GREEN MARKET FUND 054</b>			
054-0000-491-0100	Transfer from General fund	-	5,200	5,200
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>WAGES</b>			
054-0000-591-1002	Non-Administrative	29,779	145	29,924
	<b>BENEFITS</b>			
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
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>39,979</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>45,179</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>AIRPORT FUND 061</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
001-0000-591-0100	Transfer to Airport	-	4,217	4,217
<b>REVENUE</b>				
061-0000-491-0100	Transfer from General fund	-	4,217	4,217
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>WAGES</b>			
061-0000-591-1001	Administrative	57,526	950	58,476
061-0000-591-1002	Non-Administrative	29,354	350	29,704
	<b>BENEFITS</b>			
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

	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>116,105</b>	<b>181,217</b>	<b>297,322</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
073-0000-591-9177	Electric Lines	-	125,000	125,000
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>125,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>Airport Maint Projects</b>	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
	STATE GRANT	-	375,000	375,000
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>375,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
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
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>236,509</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>611,509</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
001-0000-591-01-01	Transfer to Health Fund	0	265,000	\$ 265,000
<b>FUND 311</b>	<b>HEALTH INSURANCE FUND 311</b>			
311-0000-491-01-00	Transfer from General fund		265,000	265,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
001-0000-591-01-01	Transfer to Workers Comp	0	250,000	\$ 250,000
<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>FUND 312</b>	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION 312</b>			
312-0000-491-01-00	Transfer from General fund		250,000	250,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Increase/ (Decrease)</b>	<b>Proposed Amended Budget</b>
001-0000-591-01-01	Transfer to General Liability FUND 314	0	240,000	\$ 240,000
<b>REVENUE</b>				
<b>FUND 314</b>	<b>General Liability</b>			
314-0000-491-01-00	Transfer from General fund 001	0	240,000	240,000

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

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 054**

Date: August 24, 2020

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

**WHEREAS**, the *City of Natchitoches*, hereinafter referred to as “Sponsor”, has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Natchitoches Regional Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing the needed improvements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**SECTION I.**

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Natchitoches Regional Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated August 24, 2020:

**SECTION II.**

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

**SECTION III.**

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

**SECTION IV.**

That the Mayor of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana and the Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution.

The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was follows:

**YEAS: Batiste, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Morrow**

**NAYS: None**

**ABESENT: None**

**WHEREUPON**, the Resolution was declared adopted on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Lee Posey

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name)

TITLE: Mayor

ATTEST:

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(Signature)

TITLE: Clerk

Edd Lee stated this is the Capital Improvement Plan that is brought before the council on an annual basis for the airport. It is a list put together by the airport engineer, airport manager, airport commission, FAA, and LADOTD and they prioritize projects that need to be done. The FAA requires City Council approval to make this the active list.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 055 OF 2020**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE, AGREEMENT AND OPTION BETWEEN JOSEPH F. BIENVENU AND THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES FOR TEST WATER WELL TO BE LOCATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE, AGREEMENT AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES, LOUISIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches desire to increase the water available to the City of Natchitoches Water System and has negotiated with Joseph F. Bienvenu to drill a test water well on property owned by Joseph F. Bienvenu in Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the parties have identified the location of the test water well and the area to be leased by Joseph F. Bienvenu to the City of Natchitoches is shown and depicted on the attached sketch within “Blue” and “Green” boundary lines; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the “Blue” area depicts a 1.44 acre Well Site and the “Green” area depicts an easement for transmission lines; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, a Lease, Agreement and Option Between Joseph F. Bienvenu and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana 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 Lease, Agreement and Option Between Joseph F. Bienvenu and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and the Council desires to have the Lease, Agreement and Option Between Joseph F. Bienvenu and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana 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 Lease, Agreement and Option Between Joseph F. Bienvenu and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and does further hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Lease, Agreement and Option Between Joseph F. Bienvenu and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.

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

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Batiste, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Morrow</b>
<b>NAYS:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**



Mayor Posey stated through the LCDBG project to improve the water quality to the Powhatan Water System the City of Natchitoches was able to leverage entering a lease to provide two test wells on Hwy 478 which would be utilized as a backup water supply to help supply water to the citizens of Natchitoches.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 056 OF 2020**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE, AGREEMENT AND OPTION BETWEEN ELIZABETH S. ARTHUR, ET AL, AND THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES FOR TEST WATER WELL TO BE LOCATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LEASE, AGREEMENT AND OPTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES, LOUISIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches desire to increase the water available to the City of Natchitoches Water System and has negotiated with Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, to drill a test water well on a 4.46 acre tract owned by Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, in Section 10, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the 4.46 acre tract to be leased by Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, to the City of Natchitoches is shown and depicted on the attached sketch within “Yellow” boundary lines; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, a Lease, Agreement and Option Between Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana 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 Lease, Agreement and Option Between Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and the Council desires to have the Lease, Agreement and Option Between Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana 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 Lease, Agreement and Option Between Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and does further hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Lease, Agreement and Option Between Elizabeth S. Arthur, et al, and The City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, 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, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 057**

**DATE: August 24, 2020**

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Natchitoches Airport.

**WHEREAS**, Act 451 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized the financing of certain airport improvements from funds appropriated from the Transportation Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches has requested funding assistance from the LA DOTD for the equipment purchase and installation of replacement of the existing MARK 10 with MARK 20A Localizer equipment and antenna at the airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated project has been approved by the Louisiana Legislature and the LA DOTD is agreeable to the implementation of this project and desires to cooperate with the City of Natchitoches according to the terms and conditions identified in the attached Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the LA DOTD will provide the necessary funding for the equipment purchase and installation of a replacement of the existing MARK 10 with MARK 20A Localizer equipment and antenna system at the airport; and reimburse the sponsor up to \$300,000.00 of project cost.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City of Natchitoches that it does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for the project identified as SPN H.014207, more fully identified in the Agreement attached hereto, and to execute any subsequent related documents, including, but not limited to, amendments to said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was follows:

**YEAS:           Batiste, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:           None**  
**ABESENT:       None**

**WHEREUPON**, the Resolution was declared adopted on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

**CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Lee Posey  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed or Printed Name)

TITLE: Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

TITLE: Clerk

Mr. Edd Lee stated this is an LADOTD grant and they will pay one hundred percent to upgrade the antennas and equipment in the localizer at the airport. This is the instrument that helps an aircraft land at the proper place on the runway during different weather conditions.

Debbie Miley, Finance Director, presented the Council with the Finance Report for Sales Tax Collections, TIF, and Motor Vehicle Sales. Sales Tax Collections were up 17.15% for July and 7.89% for the year to date. The TIF for July was down 35.74% with a year to date decrease of 19.05%. We consider this to be due to COVID-19 and the lack of travel to the area. The Motor Vehicles sales were up 19.82% in June versus this time last year.

Mayor Posey stated there will be fifth Monday in August making the next City Council meeting September 14<sup>th</sup>. Hurricane Laura is expected to send us a lot of rain. Our team is being proactive and ready in the event of storm damage.

Ms. Morrow stated she couldn't let tonight go without saying a few words. First, she gave honor to God for allowing her the opportunity to be a public servant to the people of the City of Natchitoches. She made history in the year 2000 when she became the first woman to ever serve as a councilwoman in the City of Natchitoches. She also mentioned she is thankful for the progress that was made during her time with the city. Since citizens do not attend the city council meetings, she has had to be the bridge for the community she represents. She stated she plans to stay involved and attend as many meetings as possible. She has visited with her predecessor Mr. Petite and she looks forward to working with him moving forward. Ms. Morrow went on to congratulate Mayor Elect Ronnie Williams along with Councilwoman Elect Rosemary Washington. She thanked all the staff and department heads she worked alongside through her years.

Mr. Batiste then thanked everyone in the sense of being able to serve on a level of local government which he feels is the roots of the operation of the America idea. He is so very thankful for the people he has met while serving as councilman for the City of Natchitoches. He feels he has been very fortunate to learn and experience the things that he has.

Mayor Posey then stated he was elected to the City Council in 1988 serving for 20 years and then elected as mayor in 2012. It has been the pleasure of my life to serve this community. He stated he loves this community so much and has offered to help Mayor Elect Williams in the process if he needs anything during this transition. Mayor Posey mentioned he has taken some council members on a tour already to see things that most people don't see as a part of the city. He made mentioned that the people we have working for the city are what make the city successful.

Eddie Harrington stated it has been a pleasure and joy working with this team over the past four years. There has been plenty of times we have disagreed on things, but it has never been an issue.

Councilwoman at Large Betty Smith welcomed Mayor Elect Williams, Councilman Chris Petite and Councilwoman Rosemary Washington to the meeting tonight and stated she looks forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Nielsen stated the last four years have been a dream to serve and give back to the city. When you get to this level you are dealing with the entire city and it's a big responsibility that he has not taken lightly. While he will miss those leaving, he looks forward to working with the newly elected team of individuals.

Mayor Elect Williams addressed the City Council stated he looks forward to working with the council and thanked Mayor Posey for working with him through this transition.

The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **September 14, 2020.**

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

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**