

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 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, September 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Dale Nielsen

Guest: None

Absent: Councilman Christopher Petite
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Mayor Williams led the invocation and Councilman Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the September 12, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 079 OF 2022

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 15, 2022 AS WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE

WHEREAS, the white cane, which every blind citizen of Louisiana has the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes the ability to achieve a full and independent life and the capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, the white cane, by allowing every blind person to move freely and safely from place to place, makes it possible for the blind to fully participate in and contribute to our society and to live the lives they want; and

WHEREAS, every citizen should be aware that the law requires that motorists and cyclists exercise appropriate caution when approaching a blind person carrying a white cane; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches, Louisiana law also calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and utilize the employment skills of our blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim, October 15, 2022 as

WHITE CANE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Natchitoches and do call upon our schools and colleges to offer full opportunities for training to blind persons; upon employers and the public to utilize the available skills of competent blind persons and to open new opportunities for the blind in our rapidly changing society; and upon all citizens to recognize the white cane as a tool of independence for blind pedestrians on our streets and highways.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Gloria Jackson and Lisa Trumell Alexandria VA Clinic Center spoke in reference to Resolution No. 79 and accepted the proclamation on behalf of Veterans Affairs.

Carl Sias shared words of appreciation for services to the visually impaired.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 084 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 9, THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2022
AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association[®] (NFPA[®]), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week[™] theme, “**Fire won’t wait**. Plan your escape.[™],” effectively serves to remind Natchitoches it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

THEREFORE, I Ronnie Williams Jr. Mayor of Natchitoches do hereby proclaim **October 9-15, 2022**, as Fire Prevention Week in this city and I urge all the people of Natchitoches to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Natchitoches fire and emergency services.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Fire Chief Wynn spoke in reference to Fire Prevention Week and the Open House hosted by the Fire Department. Chief Wynn accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Fire Department.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 053 OF 2022

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

LOT 4 BLOCK "F" OF KEEGAN ADDITION. FROM: R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO R-1 RESIDENTIAL WITH A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REASON.

(516 KEEGAN ST.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **September 6, 2022** that the application of **Carolyn LaCour** to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to R-1 Residential, with special exception zoning to operate a short term rental (**516 Keegan Street.**), be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 15, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Carl Sias asked a question in reference to Ordinance No. 53 of 2022. Shontrell Roque provided a response to his question.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 054 OF 2022

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

LOT NORTHWEST CORNER OF NELKEN AND DEMEZIERE STREETS, 53 FEET FRONT ON NELKEN STREET BY 125 FEET.

(202 DEMEZIERE ST.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **September 6, 2022** that the application of **Jon & Sarah Zeagler** to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to R-1 Residential, with special exception zoning to operate a short term rental (**202 Demeziere Street.**), be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 15, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 055 OF 2022

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

LOT 5 OF DAVID PIERSON SURVEY SOUTH SIDE SIDNEY STREET FROM: R-2 RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 RESIDENTIAL WITH A SPECIAL EXCEPTION.

(203 Sidney St.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **September 6, 2022** that the application of **Winston Ferguson** to rezone the property described above from R-2 Residential to R-2 Residential, with special exception zoning to operate a short term rental (**203 Sidney Street**), be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 17, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 051 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEs TO AWARD
THE BID FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENTS; POWHATAN CONNECTION
(CONTRACT I, WATER WELL);
LCDBG FY 2020-2021 POTABLE WATER IMPROVEMENTS
SCC PROJECT NO. 3080**

BID NO. 0651

WHEREAS, Resolution No.066 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on July 25, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Water Distribution and Production System Improvements; Powhatan Connection (Contract I, Water Well); LCDBG FY 2020-2021 LCDBG Potable Water Improvements, Bid No. 0651; and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, July 28, August 4, and August 11, 2022 in accordance with law; and

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

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| (1) Watson Well Drilling and Construction, LLC
Rayville, LA..... | \$370,693.00 |
| (2) Continental Drilling Service, Inc.
Shreveport, LA..... | \$442,526.00 |

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Director of Utilities; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for the Water Distribution and Production System Improvements; Powhatan Connection (Contract I, Water Well); LCDBG FY 2020-2021 LCDBG Potable Water Improvements, Bid No. 0651; and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Watson Well Drilling and Construction, LLC., Rayville LA** in the amount of **\$370,693.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 15, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Carl Sias asked questions pertaining to Ordinance No. 051 of 2022. Matt Anderson provided a response to Mr. Sias's question.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 052 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEs TO AWARD
THE BID FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENTS; POWHATAN CONNECTION
(CONTRACT II, WATER MAINS AND SITE WORK);
LCDBG FY 2020-2021 POTABLE WATER IMPROVEMENTS
SCC PROJECT NO. 3080**

BID NO. 0652

WHEREAS, Resolution No.067 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on July 25, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Water Distribution and Production System Improvements; Powhatan Connection (Contract II, Water Mains and Site Work); LCDBG FY 2020-2021 LCDBG Potable Water Improvements, Bid No. 0652; and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, July 28, August 4, and August 11, 2022 in accordance with law; and

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

- (3) ASB Utility Construction, LLC
Shreveport, LA.....\$1,839,788.00
- (4) Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC
Harrisonburg, LA.....\$1,869,748.00
- (5) David Lawler Construction, Inc.
Shreveport, LA.....\$1,973,188.76
- (6) Pulley Construction, Inc.
Benton, LA.....\$2,174,000.00
- (7) Apeck Construction, LLC
Leesville, LA.....\$2,296,450.12

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Director of Utilities; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for the Water Distribution and Production System Improvements; Powhatan Connection (Contract II, Water Mains and Site Work); LCDBG FY 2020-2021 LCDBG Potable Water Improvements, Bid No. 0652; and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **ASB Utility Construction, LLC., Shreveport, LA** in the amount of **\$1,839,788.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 15, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Matt Anderson spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 52 of 2022. Carl Sias commented on this ordinance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 056 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR USE BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MOVABLE PROPERTY TO BE WHOLLY OWNED AND TITLED TO THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PROPERLY EFFECTUATE SUCH PURCHASES; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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, Section 1310 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1310) requires that when “there has been a change in operations upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the governing authority shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to reflect such change;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 2.10 of the Charter of the Home Rule Charter of the City, approved by the charter commission of the city on July 7, 1975 and the voters at the election of November 1, 1975, requires that any appropriation of funds by the City be enacted by an ordinance of the City Council of the City, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “**Governing Authority**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117th Congress of the United States of America (“**ARPA**”), appropriated Five Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand/Eight Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$569,804.80) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding**”) for the purpose of providing funding for government services that may have seen a shortfall of revenue funding them due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, funding infrastructure equipment purchases up to the amount of the City’s revenue loss (“**Equipment Purchases**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches is the proper recipient of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding as the instrument of the City most capable of properly distributing it to Equipment Purchases; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding to the Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended by the Mayor of the City, or the administrative designee of the Mayor (the "**Finance Director**"), pursuant to the guidelines published by the United States Department of the Treasury in its final rule implementing the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act, effective April 1, 2022 (the "**ARPA Guidelines**").

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the "**Ordinance**") are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby appropriates the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding to Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director, pursuant to the ARPA Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing it to Equipment Purchases; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 15, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Clarissa Smith Spoke in relation to Ordinance No. 056 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 057 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR USE BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NECESSARY RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE JOHN DEERE BUILDING; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS, CONTRACTS AND/OR AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO PROPERLY EFFECTUATE SUCH RENOVATIONS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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, Section 1310 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1310) requires that when “there has been a change in operations upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the governing authority shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to reflect such change;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 2.10 of the Charter of the Home Rule Charter of the City, approved by the charter commission of the city on July 7, 1975 and the voters at the election of November 1, 1975, requires that any appropriation of funds by the City be enacted by an ordinance of the City Council of the City, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “**Governing Authority**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117th Congress of the United States of America (“**ARPA**”), appropriated Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding**”) for the purpose of providing funding for government services that may have seen a shortfall of revenue funding them due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, funding projects up to the amount of the City’s revenue loss (“**Projects**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches is the proper recipient of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding as the instrument of the City most capable of properly distributing it to the Projects; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding to the Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended by the Mayor of the City, or the administrative designee of the Mayor (the “**Finance Director**”), pursuant to the guidelines published by the United States Department of the Treasury in its final rule implementing the Coronavirus State Fiscal

Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act, effective April 1, 2022 (the “**ARPA Guidelines**”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby appropriates the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding to Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director, pursuant to the ARPA Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing it to the Projects; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 15, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Donald Forest commented on Ordinance No. 57 of 2022. Carl Sias asked a question that was answered by Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr. Clarissa Brown-Smith provided information about Ordinance No. 57 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 058 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FOR USE BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A GRANT PROGRAM FOR NECESSARY RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs THROUGH A CEA WITH COMMUNITY FAÇADE & ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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, Section 1310 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1310) requires that when “there has been a change in operations upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the governing authority shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to reflect such change;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 2.10 of the Charter of the Home Rule Charter of the City, approved by the charter commission of the city on July 7, 1975 and the voters at the election of November 1, 1975, requires that any appropriation of funds by the City be enacted by an ordinance of the City Council of the City, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “**Governing Authority**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117th Congress of the United States of America (“**ARPA**”), appropriated One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding**”) for the purpose of providing funding for government services that may have seen a shortfall of revenue funding them due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including, but not limited to, funding essential projects up to the amount of the City’s revenue loss (“**Projects**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches is the proper recipient of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding as the instrument of the City most capable of properly distributing it to the Projects; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding to the Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended by the Mayor of the City, or the administrative designee of the Mayor (the “**Finance Director**”), pursuant to the guidelines published by the United States Department of the Treasury in its final rule implementing the Coronavirus State Fiscal

Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act, effective April 1, 2022 (the “**ARPA Guidelines**”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby appropriates the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding to Office of the Mayor of the City, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director, pursuant to the ARPA Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Revenue Replacement Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing it to the Projects; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 12, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 15, 2022.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of September, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the September 26, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 059 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE A LEASE IN FAVOR OF AIR DATA SOLUTION, L.L.C., OF A PORTION OF LOT 1A OF THE NATCHITOCHEs REGIONAL AIRPORT AS SHOWN ON THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN OF APRIL 27, 2001, BY ALLIANCE INCORPORATED AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of those lots shown on the Airport Layout Plan of April 27, 2001, which said lots are available for lease, and more particularly is the owner of Lot 1A as shown and depicted on the Layout Plan, said Lot 1A being approximately a 11,737 square foot area; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Manager, has negotiated the terms of a lease to Air Data Solution, L.L.C., of a portion of that property shown and depicted as Lot 1A on the Layout Plan as well as access to the associated asphalt apron and parking area; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the lease are for a one (1) year period, and a one (1) year option, with consideration of One Thousand Five Hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars per month, all as set forth in the attached Lease Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, and Air Data Solution, L.L.C.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the lease will include the front office area on the southern end of the hanger as well as the southern end of the hanger bay, being a 36 foot by 82.5 foot area, as is shown and depicted on the sketch attached to the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the lease further provides that Air Data Solution, L.L.C. shall have access to and use of the Classroom (being that 26 foot by 19 foot area in the office area on the eastern side of the hanger) or the conference room in the airport terminal at the rate of One Hundred and no/100 (\$100.00) Dollars per day; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease a portion of Lot 1A of the Layout Plan, as identified on the sketch as well as access to and use of the associated asphalt apron and parking area, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in legal session convened as follows:

(1) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease that property shown and described on the attached sketch, being a portion of that 11,737 square foot area, more fully shown and depicted as Lot 1A on the Airport Layout Plan of April 27, 2001, together access to associated asphalt apron and parking area, to Air Data Solution, L.L.C., for the term of one (1) year, with a monthly rental of One Thousand Five Hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars.

(2) That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

(3) That any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

(4) That the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of Air Data Solution, L.L.C., leasing that property shown and described on the attached sketch, being a portion of Lot 1A on the Airport Layout Plan of April 27, 2001, together with access to the associated asphalt apron and parking area, for the term of one (1) year, with the monthly rental of One Thousand Five Hundred and no/100 (\$1,500.00) Dollars.

(5) That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on this the 26th day of September 26, 2022.

Edd Lee provided an explanation of Ordinance No. 059 of 2022. Dale Nielsen provided a comment in reference to this Ordinance.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the September 26, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 060 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE A LEASE IN FAVOR OF THE LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AGENCY, OF THAT PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE NATCHITOCHEs REGIONAL AIRPORT, DESCRIBED AS LOT 9, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of those lots shown on the Airport Layout Plan, which said lots are available for lease, and more particularly is the owner of Lot 9 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport as is shown on a lease map by Alliance Inc. dated October 1993 as revised in April 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Manager has negotiated the terms of a lease to the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Agency, of that property described as Lot 9 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the lease are for a ten (10) year period with consideration of Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (\$750.00) Dollars per year, all as set forth in the attached Lease Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, and Louisiana Agricultural Finance Agency; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease lot 9 to Louisiana Agricultural Finance Agency, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in legal session convened as follows:

(1) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease Lot 9 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport to Louisiana Agricultural Finance Agency, for the term of ten (10) years with the annual consideration of Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 (\$750.00) Dollars .

(2) That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

(3) That any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

(4) That the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of Louisiana Agricultural Finance Agency, leasing Lot 9 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport for the term of Ten (10) years.

(5) That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on this the 26th day of _____September, 2022.

Edd Lee provided information in regarding Ordinance No. 060 of 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 061 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHEES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR LIQUID CHLORINE FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
(BID NO. 0654)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.069 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 8, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Liquid Chlorine for the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0654); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, August 8, August 18, and August 25, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, one bid proposal was received and opened as follows:

- (1) DPC Enterprises
Reserve, LA \$2,291.00 per ton

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith - Brown, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Department; and Rosemary Elie, Councilwoman, reviewed the bid proposals for Liquid Chlorine for the Water Treatment Plant, (Bid No. 0654); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the one bid received, **DPC Enterprises** in the amount of **\$2,291.00 per ton**.

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, 2022.

Matt Anderson spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 061 of 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 062 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHEES, INC., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND CRIME STOPPERS OF NATCHITOCHEES, INC. AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Section 14(C), provides that, “for a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, 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; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc. (Crime Stoppers) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana and provides services which benefit citizens of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City finds it essential that it participates in Crime Stoppers efforts to serve the citizens of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the attached cooperative endeavor agreement which provide for the participation by the City in the Crime Stoppers program and approves same; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc., is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Crime Stoppers of Natchitoches, Inc., substantially in accordance with the draft thereof attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance n are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, 2022.

Dr. Carmilla Parker spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 062 of 2022. Police Chief Collins spoke in reference to the benefits of Crime Stoppers in our City.

ORDINANCE NO. 063 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND THE NATCHITOCHEES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND THE NATCHITOCHEES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR TERMS TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL CROSS GUARDS IN THE CITY AND PARISH.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Constitution of 1974, Article VII, Section 14(C), provides that, “[f]or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, 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 political subdivisions, whether domiciled in Natchitoches Parish or other parishes, including but not limited to the parish governing body, other parish offices and agencies, the school board;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City wishes to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Parish School Board (the “School Board”) for the purposes of facilitating the employment of crossing guards to better protect the children of the community; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “Governing Authority”) has reviewed the Agreement, which is attached hereto as an exhibit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Parish School Board is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Parish School Board, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance n are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, 2022.

Chief Collins spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 063 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 080 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND FIXING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, has adopted ordinances to provide for animal welfare and the humane treatment of animals in the City of Natchitoches, which said ordinances are located primarily in Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 6-26 of the Code of Ordinances provides for the appointment of an Animal Advisory Committee, by the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, with the approval of the City Council; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 6-26 call for the committee to be comprised of two members of the Humane Society one member of Hope for Paws Rescue, one member of the City Council, the Chief of Police or his designee, with a non-mandatory member being a veterinarian, or vet tech; and

WHEREAS FUTHER, the Mayor has recommended and does hereby submit for approval the following appointments to the Animal Advisory Committee:

Juanita Murphy, representative of the Humane Society

Kathy Owsley, representative of the Humane Society

Rachel Leblanc, representative of the Hope for Paws Rescue

Nikeo Collins, Police Chief

Jessica Williams, representative of the Police Department

Dale Nielsen, Councilperson, and

Katie Coody, Vet Tech.

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 6-26 provides that the members of the Committee shall have four year terms, and the City Council desires to fix the terms of the above members for concurrent four year terms, beginning upon the adoption of this Resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, that pursuant to Section 6-26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, the appointments made by the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to the Animal Advisory Committee are hereby approved and confirmed as follows:

Juanita Murphy, representative of the Humane Society

Kathy Owsley, representative of the Humane Society

Rachal LeBlanc, representative of the Hope for Paws Rescue

Nikeo Collins, Police Chief

Jessica Williams, representative of the Police Department

Dale Nielsen, Councilperson, and

Katie Coody, Vet Tech.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the terms of the members of the Animal Advisory Committee approved herein shall be for four years, effective upon the adoption of this Resolution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that if at the expiration of any term of office of any member a successor thereto has not been appointed, then the member whose term has expired shall continue to hold office until his successor shall be so appointed.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Animal Control Supervisor, Jonathan Meziere, spoke in reference to Resolution No. 080 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 081 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS
OF THE PROPOSED FY 2023 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (LCDBG) PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, WITH COST TO
BE COVERED BY THE LCDBG PROGRAM FOR PROJECTS
VALUED AT UP TO \$800,000.**

WHEREAS, the FY 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program application period is now open, with a submittal deadline of November 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches plans to submit an application for a project that meets the LCDBG program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches requires the assistance of a grant administration consultant in order to ensure that all requirements of the LCDBG program are met; and

WHEREAS, the City distributed a Request for Proposals for grant administration services and received three responses; and

WHEREAS, a Proposal Review Team consisting of the City Grant Manager, City Finance Director, City Purchasing Director, and City Engineer reviewed and evaluated the proposals that were received and have recommended the selection of Frye Magee, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Natchitoches has selected the consulting firm of Frye Magee, LLC to assist in the preparation of said application and the Mayor is hereby authorized to negotiate a contract for said services.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee spoke in reference to Resolution No. 081 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 082 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO ENTER INTO A TASK ORDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND KSA ENGINEERS INC. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO WHITE OAK LANE BOOSTER STATION REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, (sometimes hereinafter City) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana being a Home Rule Charter municipality created pursuant to the Constitution and Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches desires to approve the Task Order/Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, so as to allow for KSA Engineers Inc., to perform services related to White Oak Lane Booster Station and and other future Task orders which the City deems necessary; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Natchitoches in regular session convened as follows:

I. The City Council of the City of Natchitoches approves the Task Order /Agreement, Exhibit A, between KSA Engineers Inc., and the City of Natchitoches.

II. That the Honorable Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Task Order/Agreement and all attachments thereto and any other documents that may be required to complete the Task Order/ Agreement on behalf of the **CITY**. The said Mayor is hereby given full and complete authority to incorporate in said instrument such terms, conditions, and agreements as may be necessary to protect the interest of the **CITY** in substantial compliance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution and Exhibit A.

III. This Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Matt Anderson spoke in reference to Resolution No. 082 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 083 OF 2022

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

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director and the Finance Director has reviewed the proposals submitted for property insurance for the City of Natchitoches and recommends the contract be awarded to Risk Services of Louisiana, Inc. in the amount of **\$203,449.00** for the policy period **October 11, 2022** through **October 11, 2023**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for the execution of the contract as above referenced.

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

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee gave information in reference to Resolution No. 083 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 085 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE
AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NATCHITOCHEES
EVENTS CENTER**

(BID NO. 0653)

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for Public Bids for HVAC Improvements at the Natchitoches Events Center (Bid No. 0653).

WHEREAS, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, P. O. Box 37, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71458 or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the project until 2:30 pm on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:30 pm, on Thursday, October 27, 2022 held at the above mentioned Office of the Director of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals, the committee members consisting of Clarissa Brown-Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Randy LaCaze, Director of Community Development; and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, 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 Ronnie Williams, Jr., 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: Nielsen, Smith, Harrington
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie, Petite
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 086 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE
AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR., RECREATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTER (MLK)**

(BID NO. 0649)

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for Public Bids HVAC Improvements at the MLK Center (Bid No. 0649).

WHEREAS, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, P. O. Box 37, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71458 or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the project until 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 pm, on Thursday, October 27, 2022 held at the above mentioned Office of the Director of Purchasing; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals, the committee members consisting of Clarissa Brown-Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Kevin Warner, Director of Recreation; and Rosemary Elie, Councilwoman, 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 Ronnie Williams, Jr., 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:	Nielsen, Smith, Harrington
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie, Petite
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee spoke in reference to Resolution No. 086 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 087 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEES AND ASB UTILITY CONSTRUCTION, LLC., FOR
THE WATER DISTRIBUTION AND PRODUCTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS;
POWHATAN CONNECTION (CONTRACT II, WATER MAINS AND SITE WORK);
LCDBG FY 2020-2021 POTABLE WATER IMPROVEMENTS
SCC PROJECT NO. 3080**

(BID NO. 0652)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to ASB Utility Construction, LLC., (CONTRACTOR) on September 26, 2022 by Ordinance No. 052 of 2022 in the amount of **\$1,839,788.00** for the Water Distribution and Production System Improvements; Powhatan Connection (Contract II, Water Mains and Site Work); (Bid No. 0652); and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2022 CONTRACTOR issued Change Order No. 1, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **decreased** by this **Change Order No. 1** in the amount of **\$249,510.00** and the revised contract total will be **\$1,590,278.00**; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Henry Shuler, has recommended this change order; and

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

WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 is contingent upon the approval of the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, State of Louisiana.

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

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of September, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Matt Anderson spoke in reference to Resolution No. 087 of 2022.

Financial Report provided by Clarissa Brown-Smith.

Announcements:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2022.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

**_____
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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