

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 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, January 23, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Christopher Petite
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Guest: None

Absent: None

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 January 9, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Harrington.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

NSU Cheer Team was presented with plaque for their First place win at UCA Championship. Gavon Achor spoke on behalf of the NSU Cheer Team.

Nick Verret provided a recommendation of a pilot program for portable camera speed enforcement within the Natchitoches city limits. Russell Sarpy spoke in reference to this pilot program and answered questions from the Council.

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

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 006 OF 2023

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO UNDERTAKE EMERGENCY SEWER LINE REPAIRS, TO ABANDON AN EXISTING SEWER LINE EASEMENT AND TO ENTER INTO A REPLACEMENT SEWER LINE EASEMENT ACROSS PROPERTY AT 401 JEFFERSON STREET, THE ABOVE SEWER LINE REPAIRS BEING NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR UNINTERRUPTED SEWER SERVICE AND PROTECT PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO RELOCATE THE EXISTING SEWER LINE, AND EXECUTE AN INSTRUMENT ABANDONING THE EXISTING SEWER RIGHT OF WAY AND ESTABLISHING A NEW SEWER LINE, TOGETHER WITH A DECLARATION THAT SAID ORDINANCE IS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 2.13 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has recently been made aware of a sewer line failure on property located at 401 Jefferson Street, which sewer line failure became apparent after a large sink hole appeared on the southern side of the home bearing municipal address of 401 Jefferson Street; and

WHEREAS, the sewer line is a transmission line that connects a manhole at the intersection of Amulet Street and Jefferson Street with the transmission line that runs North and South along the western bank of Cane River Lake; and

WHEREAS, it is not possible to repair or replace the sewer line in its current location as it is located partially beneath the home at 401 Jefferson Street; and

WHEREAS, the City, working with the property owner, has developed a plan to replace the existing sewer line with a new sewer line to be located to the South but still within the property bearing municipal address of 401 Jefferson Street; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for the replacement of the sewer line will include removing bypassing and plugging the old line, installing a new sewer line from the manhole at Jefferson Street and Amulet Street to the transmission line that runs along the western bank of Cane River Lake, installation of two manholes and the re-connection of service to homes in the area; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the sewer line replacement, a pecan tree will need to be removed from the proposed right of way and the sink hole will be filled with flowable fill; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of the sewer line must be made as soon as practical in order to provide for the continued sewer service to residents in the area in order to provide for public health and safety and in order to be able to address the sink hole before additional damage is caused to the improvements on the property as well as additional damages to the sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the sink hole and resulting sewer line damage constitute a dangerous and hazardous condition; and

WHEREAS, the problem has been evaluated by the Utility Director for the City of Natchitoches as well as its engineer, Randall Smoak, and they have developed a plan to relocate the sewer line and fill the sink hole, and they have obtained a quotes for the work as follows:

1) quote from David Lawler Construction for removing, bypassing, plugging the existing sewer line, installing a new sewer line from the manhole at Jefferson Street and Amulet Street to the transmission line that runs along the western bank of Cane River Lake, installation of two manholes and the re-connection of service to homes in the area, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

2) quote from Charlie Mullins Tree Service for the removal of a pecan tree located in the proposed servitude area in the amount of \$2,800.00.

3) quote from James Wilson to fill the sink hole with flowable fill in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that immediate steps must be taken to protect the home located at 410 Jefferson Street, to protect the integrity of the existing sewer system, and to provide for the protection of public safety, all in accordance with Section 2-13 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon hearing a review of the situation believes that a public emergency affecting life, health, property and public safety is presented in the premises:

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to authorize the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to execute an instrument on behalf of the City to abandon any right of way that may be associated with the existing sewer line running from Jefferson Street to the transmission line located on the West bank of Cane River Lake and further creating a new right of way as shown and depicted on the attached survey by Brandon C. Thonton, dated January 18, 2023, and attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the attached Abandonment of Existing Easement and Creation of new Utility Easement wherein the property owner at 401 Jefferson Street will grant a new servitude which will be located to the South of the existing servitude, approves same and desires to authorize the Mayor to execute same; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED in legal session convened by the City Council, that an emergency is hereby declared, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to immediately take such measures as are necessary to enter contracts as follows:

1) contract with David Lawler Construction for removing, bypassing, plugging the existing sewer line, installing a new sewer line from the manhole at Jefferson Street and Amulet Street to the transmission line that runs along the western bank of Cane River Lake, installation of two manholes and the re-connection of service to homes in the area, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

2) contract with Charlie Mullins Tree Service for the removal of a pecan tree located in the proposed servitude area in the amount of \$2,800.00.

3) contract with James Wilson to fill the sink hole with flowable fill in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the attached Abandonment of Existing Easement and Creation of new Utility Easement, wherein the property owner at 410 Jefferson Street will grant a new servitude which will be located to the South of the existing servitude, is approved and the Mayor is authorized to execute that Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor or his designee(s) is hereby authorized and empowered to take all other steps necessary or proper in the premises with the view of providing reasonable safety to the public.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Council takes notice of the fact that a public emergency affecting the life, health, property and public safety has been presented, and therefore this Ordinance is declared to be an Emergency Ordinance under the authority of Article 2.13 of the City Charter.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Emergency Ordinance shall go into effect and be effective upon receipt of the City Clerk in accordance with Article 2.13B of the City Charter.

This Emergency Ordinance was introduced at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on this the 23rd day of January, 2023, and placed to a vote, and the vote thereon was declared as follows:

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 24th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Edwin Dunahoe spoke in reference to Emergency Ordinance No. 006 of 2023. Carl Sias made a statement in reference to Ordinance No. 006 of 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 001 OF 2023

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

East ½ of Lots 4 and 11, Block “A” of Natchitoches South Subdivision and Lots 5 and 12, Block “A” of Natchitoches South Subdivision

(HWY 3110)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **January 3, 2023** that the application of Lighthouse Real Estate, LLC to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial and IA-Agriculture to R-3 Multi-family residential, to create student housing apartments (**HWY 3110, Natchitoches South Subdivision.**), be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on January 9, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on January 12, 2023.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 24th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Jim Dalin of Light house real estate LLC. answered questions from Council Petite and Councilwoman at Larger Smith pertaining to Ordinance No. 001 of 2023.

Don Hutchinson requested that a motion be made to withdraw Ordinance No. 073 of 2022 from the table.

ORDINANCE NO. 073 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ANNEXING A 2.17 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT SITUATED IN SECTION 40, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID TRACT LYING ADJACENT TO AND NORTH OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 3278, TOGETHER WITH THAT AREA OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 3278 SITUATED BETWEEN THE 2.18 ACRE TRACT AND THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE FIXING OF A PUBLIC HEARING, ADVERTISEMENT, FIXING COUNCIL DISTRICT FOR SAME, FIXING ZONING CLASSIFICATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed in accordance with Revised Statutes 33:172, et. seq., by **Hutchinson & Dupre, L.L.C.**, requesting that the boundaries of the City of Natchitoches be enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a found 1.5 inch iron pipe for the Southwest corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, thence North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West a distance of 2,040.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 1,392.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning South 63 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 100.95 feet; thence South 57 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 122.85 feet; thence South 54 degrees 55 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 137.45 feet; thence South 54 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 58.71 feet; thence South 45 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 198.65 feet; thence South 79 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 89.59 feet; thence North 35 degrees; 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 70.35 feet; thence North 35 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 25.19 feet; thence North 49 degrees 57

minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 40.18 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 199.92 feet; thence North 50 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 99.95 feet; thence North 51 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 100.77 feet; thence North 54 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 99.25 feet; thence North 59 degrees 4 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 100.06 feet; thence North 62 degrees 22 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 82.83 feet; thence South 28 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 30.36 feet; thence South 24 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 91.48 feet; thence South 24 degrees; 39 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 19.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, all as is more fully shown on a Certificate of Survey by Robert Lynn Davis, P.L.S., dated April 6, 2021, recorded May 18, 2021, at Map Slide 828A, of the Records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, together with all of that portion of Louisiana Highway No. 3278, situated and located between the current municipal corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches and the above described property.

WHEREAS, the petitioner represents one hundred percent in value of the property owners within the area described above, and there are no registered voters or resident property owners on the property described above as is reflected in the attached certificate from the Assessor's Office of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana and certificate from the Office of the Registrar of Voters of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, which are filed with the petition for annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, attached to the petition is a certificate from the Tax Assessors's Office of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, certifying that the requirements of Louisiana R.S. 33:172 have been complied with, said certificate being dated the _____ day of _____, 2022.

WHEREAS FURTHER, the matter was considered by the City Council for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and a public hearing was called for on the 9th day of January, 2023 , at which time the public was allowed to express opinions concerning this annexation;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the notice of filing of the petition has been published in The

Natchitoches Times, legal journal of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, on the 17th day of November, and 1st day of December, 2022;

WHEREAS FURTHER, an opportunity has been given to all interested person in accordance with Louisiana R. S. 33:172, et. seq., on the 9th day of January, 2023;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property is contiguous to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana running along the Southern boundary of the property and adjacent state right of way;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session assembled as follows:

Section 1. The boundaries of the City of Natchitoches are hereby enlarged so as to include the following described property, to-wit:

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a found 1.5 inch iron pipe for the Southwest corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, thence North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West a distance of 2,040.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 1,392.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning South 63 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 100.95 feet; thence South 57 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 122.85 feet; thence South 54 degrees 55 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 137.45 feet; thence South 54 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 58.71 feet; thence South 45 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 198.65 feet; thence South 79 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 89.59 feet; thence North 35 degrees; 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 70.35 feet; thence North 35 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 25.19 feet; thence North 49 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 40.18 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 199.92 feet; thence North 50 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 99.95 feet; thence North 51 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 100.77 feet; thence North 54 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 99.25 feet; thence

North 59 degrees 4 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of 100.06 feet; thence North 62 degrees 22 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 82.83 feet; thence South 28 degrees 11 minutes 57 seconds East a distance of 30.36 feet; thence South 24 degrees 20 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 91.48 feet; thence South 24 degrees; 39 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 19.51 feet to the Point of Beginning, all as is more fully shown on a Certificate of Survey by Robert Lynn Davis, P.L.S., dated April 6, 2021, recorded May 18, 2021, at Map Slide 828A, of the Records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, together with all of that portion of Louisiana Highway No. 3278, situated and located between the current municipal corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches and the above described property.

Section 2. Be it further ordained that the City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that this ordinance was introduced at a regular session of the City Council on the 14th day of November , 2022, after receiving the petition signed by the property owner and all of the registered voters, and that a public hearing was held on the ____ day of _____, 2023;

Section 3. Be it further ordained that the above and foregoing property be and is hereby annexed to the City of Natchitoches, declared to be included in Council District No. 3, all in accordance with Section 2.03B of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Section 4. Be it further ordained by the City Council that the above described property be, and it is hereby annexed into the corporate limits of the City of Natchitoches, with a zoning classification of B-3.

Section 5. Be it further ordained by the City Council that this ordinance shall go into effect thirty (30) days after the publication of this ordinance in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:173.

THIS ORDINANCE was published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 17, 2022 and December 1, 2022.

This ordinance was introduced on November 14, 2022, was duly advertised with law, and a public hearing had on same on the ____ day of _____, 2023, after advertisement.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES

I, **Tim Page**, Tax Assessor of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, do certify that I have read the above and foregoing petition together with a description of property sought to be annexed into the City of Natchitoches, and I have examined into the matter and I certify that the entity that has signed the petition represents one hundred percent of the owners of the property and that there are no resident property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits.*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Natchitoches, Louisiana, on this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

Tim Page, Tax Assessor
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

* Louisiana R. S. 33:172 provides as follows, to-wit:

"No ordinance enlarging the boundaries of a municipality shall be valid unless prior to the adoption thereof a petition has been presented to the governing body of a municipality containing the written assent of (1) a majority of the registered voters and (2) a majority in number of the resident property owners, (3) as well as 25% in value of the property of the resident property owners within the area proposed to be included in the corporate limits according to the certificate of the Parish Assessor. If there are no registered voters residing in the area proposed for annexation, then the requirement for a majority of the registered voters on the petition shall not apply. The valuation of the property within the area proposed to be annexed shall be certified to by the Assessor according to the assessment of each of the owners signing the petition. Where there has been a change of ownership since the last assessment of the property, the Assessor shall certify the valuation of the present owner in accordance with the last case where the property of the present owner has not specifically been assessed the Assessor shall estimate the assessed value of the property for the current year and certify that same as the value of the property."

"At the request of any municipality contemplating the annexation of any tract of land, the Registrar of Voters shall provide a certified list of the registered voters residing in the area proposed to be annexed."

MEMO

TO: Tim Page

FROM: Tommy Murchison

DATE: November 2, 2022

RE: Hutchinson & Dupre, L.L.C.
Ordinance No. _____ of 2022

Mr. Page,

Attached is a copy of the Petition for Annexation, Ordinance, legal description, survey and the certificate for your signature.

Please review and if it meets with your approval, please sign the certificate and return same to our office.

MEMO

TO: Kathrin Holden

FROM: Tommy Murchison

DATE: November 2, 2022

RE: Hutchinson & Dupre, L.L.C.
Ordinance No. _____ of 2022

Ms. Holden,

Attached is a copy of the Petition for Annexation, Ordinance, legal description and survey in connection with the above referenced annexation.

Please review and if it meets with your approval, please execute a Certificate confirming that there are no registered voters in the area to be annexed and forward to our office.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS CERTIFICATION
ORDINANCE NO. _____ of 2022

For the following described property to-wit:

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a found 1.5 inch iron pipe for the Southwest corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, thence North 90 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds West a distance of 2,040.31 feet; thence North 0 degrees 0 minutes 0 seconds East a distance of 1,392.46 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence from said Point of Beginning South 63 degrees 39 minutes 12 seconds West a distance of 100.95 feet; thence South 57 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 122.85 feet; thence South 54 degrees 55 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 137.45 feet; thence South 54 degrees 14 minutes 40 seconds West a distance of 58.71 feet; thence South 45 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West a distance of 198.65 feet; thence South 79 degrees 41 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 89.59 feet; thence North 35 degrees; 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 70.35 feet; thence North 35 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West a distance of 25.19 feet; thence North 49 degrees 57 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 40.18 feet; thence North 49 degrees 30 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 199.92 feet; thence North 50 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 99.95 feet; thence North 51 degrees 54 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 100.77 feet; thence North 54 degrees 20 minutes 43 seconds East a distance of 99.25 feet; thence North 59 degrees 4 minutes 16 seconds East a distance of

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The office of the Registrar of Voters has determined that no voters reside in the above described area.

Certified on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Registrar of Voters

EXHIBIT "A"

That certain tract of land containing 2.17 acres more or less, situated and located in Section 40, Township 9 North, Range 8 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

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Don Hutchinson requested that a motion be made to withdraw Ordinance No. 073 of 2022 from the table.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. SMITH TO WITHDRAW ORDINANCE 073 OF 2022 FROM THE AGENDA AND SECONDED BY MR. NIELSEN.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Motion passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

The following Ordinance was **TAKEN FROM THE TABLED**, a motion was made by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Smith, the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance taken from the table by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 086 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTIONS 30-18, 30-34 AND 30-42, ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN ARTICLE IV OF SECTION 30 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, ENTITLED "UTILITIES" SAID AMENDMENTS BEING MADE TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN RATES FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE, RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE AND RATES FOR WATER USE WHICH NEW RATE STRUCTURE HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN A ELECTRICAL RATE STUDY PREPARED BY DELTA CONSULTING AND WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY PREPARED BY SHULER CONSULTING COMPANY AND BALAR CONSULTING ENGINEERS PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches provides electrical services to residents of the City of Natchitoches, water service to water users located inside and outside of the City of Natchitoches, and sewer service to residents of the City of Natchitoches, through systems owned and operated by the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches retained the firm of Delta Consulting to undertake an electrical rate study for the purpose of revising the existing rate structure to allow the City of Natchitoches Utility Department to become more financially independent with regard

to securing revenue for operating, maintenance and capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Delta Consulting prepared an Electrical Rate Study for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, dated April 22, 2022, which said study makes recommendations for changes in the existing electrical rates; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches retained the firm of Shuler Consulting Company and Balar Consulting Engineers to undertake a water and sewer rate study for the purpose of revising the existing rate structure to allow the City of Natchitoches Utility Department to become more financially independent with regard to securing revenue for operating, maintenance and capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Shuler Consulting Company and Balar Consulting Engineers prepared a Water and Sewer Rate Study for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, dated, November 14, 2022 which said study makes recommendations for changes in the existing water and sewer rates; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Director and the Director of Utilities for the City of Natchitoches have reviewed the Rate Studies and recommend the adoption of the new rates for electrical service, water service and sewer service in order to provide for the proper operation and maintenance of the City Utility System; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Utility Department and the Finance Department of the City of Natchitoches has concurred in the recommendations for charges for electrical, water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, has reviewed and does accept the findings of the Utility Department and the Finance Department, and desires to adopt the proposed rates and charges for electrical, water and sewer service; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, desires to amend and reenact Sections 30-18, 30-34 and 30-42 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, to provide for new electrical service rates, water

service rates and sewer service rates; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, has reviewed and does accept the findings of the above referenced studies, and desires to adopt the proposed electrical, water and sewer rates for the purpose of providing continued high quality electrical, water and sewer service to its citizens, and other water customers at rates that are fair and equitable for all users; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, desires to amend and reenact Sections 30-18, 30-34 and 30-42 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, to provide for new electrical service rates, new water rates and new sewer rates as proposed in the above referenced studies; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, *as follows*:

SECTION 1. Section 30-18 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for a new rate schedule for Residential Service- RI , being subsection (a) (1) c, to read as follows:

"c. Rate: the rate of charges per kilowatt-hour (KWH) beginning May 1, 2023, shall be 3.3 cents per KWH and the rate of charges per kilowatt-hour (KWH) beginning May 1, 2024, shall be 3.9 cents per KWH."

SECTION 2. Section 30-18 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for a new rate schedule for Residential Service- R2 (winter rates), being subsection (a) (2) c, to read as follows:

"c. Rate: The special winter monthly rate for residential service shall be applied as follows: The first six hundred (600) KWH will be charged at the base rate as provided above for R-1. The excess KWH over six hundred (600) KWH shall be charged at a rate of 3.1 cents for each additional KWH beginning with the effective date of May 1, 2023, and the excess KWH over six hundred (600) KWH shall be charged at a rate of 3.7 cents for each additional KWH beginning with the effective date of May 1, 2024."

SECTION 3. Section 30-18 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for a new rate schedule for Small Commercial Service – SCS-1, being subsection (a) (3) c, to read as follows:

"c. Rate: The rate of charges per kilowatt-hour (KWH) effective May 1, 2023 shall be applied as follows: the first one-thousand (1,000) KWH at 6.5 cents per KWH; the next one thousand (1,000) KWH at 5.45cents per KWH; over two thousand (2,000) KWH at 4.05 cents per KWH, and the rate of charges per kilowatt-hour (KWH) effective May 1, 2024 shall be applied as follows: the first one-thousand (1,000) KWH at 7.1 cents per KWH; the next one thousand (1,000) KWH at 6.05cents per KWH; over two thousand (2,000) KWH at 4.65 cents per KWH."

SECTION 4. Section 30-18 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for a new rate schedule for Small Commercial Service – SCS-2 (winter rates), being subsection (a) (4) c, to read as follows:

"c. Rate: The special winter monthly rate for small commercial service shall be applied as follows: The two thousand (2,000) KWH will be charged at the base rate as provided above for SCS-1. The excess KWH over two thousand (2,000) KWH shall be charged at a rate of 3.8 cents for each additional KWH, beginning with the effective date of May 1, 2023, and the excess KWH over two thousand (2,000) KWH shall be charged at a rate of 4.40 cents for each additional KWH, beginning with the effective date of May 1, 2024."

SECTION 5. Section 30-18 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for a new rate schedule for Large Commercial Service – LCS-1, being subsection (a) (5) c, to read as follows:

"c. Rate:

1. Demand: First 25 KW\$100.00

Additional KW, per KW..... 3.00

The billing demand will be the highest fifteen-minute KW during the billing period, and shall be adjusted for customer's power factor of service by multiplying the metered demand by a fraction whose numerator is 0.90 and whose denominator is the customer's power factor of service.

2. Energy: Effective May 1, 2023 all KWH at 3.3 cents per KWH and effective May 1, 2024 all KWH at 3.9 cents per KWH."

SECTION 6. Section 30-18 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for a new rate schedule for Industrial Service – I, being subsection (a) (6) c, to read as follows:

"c. Rate:

1. Demand: First 300 KW\$1,200.00 Additional KW, per

KW..... 3.00

The billing demand will be the highest fifteen-minute KW during the billing period, and shall be adjusted for customer's power factor of service by multiplying the metered demand by a fraction whose numerator is 0.90 and whose denominator is the customer's power factor of service.

2. Energy: Effective May 1, 2023 all KWH at 2.2 cents per KWH and effective May 1, 2024 all KWH at 2.8 cents per KWH."

SECTION 7. Section 30-18 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for a new subsection (b) which shall read as follows:

"(b) After April 30, 2025 the City shall adjust electric rates annually on May 1 of each calendar year based on the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for electric maintenance for the 12 month period ending in December of the previous calendar year as detailed in Table 2- Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)."

SECTION 8. Section 30-34 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for new rates for sewer service, being, to read as follows:

"Sec. 30-34. - Rates for sewer service, user charge.

The user charge for the city has been established in accordance with EPA guidelines and requirements. The user charge will be reviewed at least every two (2) years and adjusted accordingly based upon actual operation, maintenance and replacement costs. User charge system will have precedence over any terms, conditions of agreements or contracts which are not consistent with section 204(b)(1)(a) of the Clean Water Act.

(1) The schedule of rates and changes for sewer service shall be as follows :

a. *Commercial service, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for commercial sewer only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (0-2.000)	\$16.25	\$17.25
>2.001-12.500	\$5.2	\$6.2

b. *Commercial (winter heat), inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for commercial (winter heat) sewer service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$24.25	\$25.25
>2.001	\$5.4	\$6.4

c. *Large commercial service, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for industrial contract sewer service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$16.25	\$17.25
>2.001	\$5.2	\$6.2

d. *Industrial (contract), inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for industrial (contract) sewer service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$250.50	\$250.50
>2.001	\$1.6	\$1.6

The above rates apply to industrial (contract) customers unless a contract is established. If a contract is established with an industry, operation and maintenance rates may be established based on size and type of industry.

e. *Northwestern State University.* The rate and charge for Northwestern State University shall be a flat rate of \$7,000 per month.

f. *Master metered, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for master metered sewer service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$10.50	\$11.50
>2.001	\$6.0	\$7.0

g. *Residential, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for residential sewer service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$10.50	\$11.50
>2.001	\$6.0	\$7.0

h. *Residential (winter heat), inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for residential (winter heat) sewer service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$10.50	\$11.50
>2.001	\$6.0	\$7.0

i. *Commercial, large commercial and commercial (winter heat), outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for commercial, large commercial, and commercial (winter heat) sewer service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$26.25	\$27.25
>2.001	\$5.5	\$6.5

j. *Master metered, outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for master metered sewer service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$13.75	\$14.75
>2.001	\$8.0	\$9.0

k. *Residential, outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for residential sewer service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$14.75	\$15.75
>2.001	\$7.0	\$8.0

l. *Municipal.* The municipal sewer service account is to be billed at residential; inside city limits rates.

(2) The sewer rates shall be in accordance with the above schedules effective May 1, 2023. The new rate for 2023/2024 shall begin May 1, 2023. The new rate for 2024/2025 shall begin on May 1, 2024.

(3) The residential rate shall apply to each family unit being served; provided, however, that in the case of master-metered sewer service, this charge shall be billed to the owner or operator of the complex which is master-metered.

(4) As used in this section, "family unit" shall mean a head of a family maintaining

residence and using the sewer service of the city.

(5) Current user charge rates for sewer service shall be posted in convenient and readily accessible places for review by users.

(6) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given before any changes in user charge rates go into effect.

(7) Any agreements between sewer users and the city shall be consistent with the requirements of this article.

(8) The city shall maintain complete and accurate records of water consumption (meter readings) and sewage treatment system operating data for *review* by appropriate persons.

(9) When City of Natchitoches provides sewer service to an industry, operation and maintenance rates may be established based on size and type of industry.

(10) Sewer tap fees shall be established by the superintendent and shall cover all costs associated with repairing roads, sidewalks, etc., within the limits of public rights-of-way disturbed by a service connection(s) to a public sewer, on a case by case basis.

(11) After April 30, 2025 the City shall adjust sewer rates annually on May 1 of each calendar year based on the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for sewer maintenance for the 12 month period ending in December of the previous calendar year as detailed in Table 2- Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)."

SECTION 9. Section 30-42 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby amended and reenacted to provide for new rates for water service, being, to read *as follows*

"Sec. 30-42. - Water Rate schedules.

- (a) *Commercial service, inside city limits and large commercial, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for commercial water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$16.25	\$17.25
>2.001-12.500	\$5.2	\$6.2

- (b) *Commercial (winter heat), inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for commercial (winter heat) water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$24.25	\$25.25
>2.001	\$5.4	\$6.4

(c) *Industrial (contract), inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for industrial contract water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$250.50	\$250.25
>2.001	\$1.6	\$1.6

The above rates apply to industrial (contract) customers unless a contract is established. If a contract is established with an industry, operation and maintenance rates may be established based on size and type of industry.

(d) *Master metered, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for master metered water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$10.50	\$11.50
>2.001	\$6.0	\$7.0

(e) *Residential, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for residential water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$10.50	\$11.50
>2.001	\$6.0	\$7.0

(f) *Residential (winter heat), inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for residential (winter heat) water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$10.50	\$11.50
>2.001	\$6.0	\$7.0

(g) *Sprinkler-Commercial and large commercial, inside city limits.*

The schedule of rates and charges for sprinkler-Commercial water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$16.25	\$17.25
>2.001	\$5.5	\$6.5

(h) *Sprinkler-Residential, inside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for sprinkler-Residential water service only, for users inside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$11.50	\$12.50
>2.001	\$6.5	\$7.5

(i) *Water systems, outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for water systems water service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$275.00	\$275.00
>2.001	\$7.25	\$7.25

The above rates apply to industrial (contract) customers unless a contract is established. If a contract is established with an industry, operation and maintenance rates may be established based on size and type of industry.

j) *Commercial, large commercial, commercial (winter heat) and commercial sprinkler, outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for commercial, large commercial, commercial (winter heat) and commercial sprinkler water service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$26.25	\$27.25
>2.001	\$5.5	\$6.5

(k) *Master metered, outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for master metered water service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$13.75	\$14.75
>2.001	\$8.0	\$9.0

(l) *Residential, outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for residential water service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$14.75	\$15.75
>2.001	\$7.0	\$8.0

(m) *Sprinkler-Residential, outside city limits.* The schedule of rates and charges for sprinkler-Residential water service only, for users outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Usage range	2023/2024	2024/2025
Base (1-2.000)	\$13.75	\$14.75
>2.001	\$8.0	\$9.0

(n) *Municipal.* The municipal water service accounts are to be billed at residential, inside city limits for general usage or sprinkler-residential, inside city limits rates for sprinkler only usages.

(o) The water rates shall be in accordance with the above schedules effective May 1, 2023. The new rate for 2023/2024 shall begin May 1, 2023. The new rate for 2024/2025 shall begin on May 1, 2024.

- (p) After April 30, 2025 the City shall adjust water rates annually on May 1 of each calendar year based on the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for water maintenance for the 12 month period ending in December of the previous calendar year as detailed in Table 2-Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by detailed expenditure category published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)."

SECTION 10. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

SECTION 12. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law. Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 12th day of December, 2022.

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

THIS Ordinance was **TABLED** on January 9, 2023 by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Harrington.

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: **Elie, Petite**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 24th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Ronnie Williams provided a presentation in reference to Ordinance No. 086 of 2022. Clarissa Smith, Edd Lee, Matt Anderson, and Nikeo Collins all spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 086 of 2022 and answered questions from the Council.

Carl Sias, Carmella Parker, Debra Thompson, Dorothy McGaskey, posed a question to Utility Director Matt Anderson

Motion was made by Mr. Harrington to amend Ordinance No. 086 of 2022 to reflect 1.2 percent instead on 1.5 percent, Seconded by Ms. Smith

vote was recorded as follows:

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Motion passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.

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: Elie, Petite
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 2 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 24th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 002 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIVISION OF THE CURRENT POSITION OF PURCHASING AND HUMAN RESOURCES INTO TWO SEPARATE POSITIONS, TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEW POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) is permitted and authorized under the authority of Section 4.09 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana to create City Departments and reallocate the functions, powers, duties and responsibilities of Departments; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a proposal has been made to divide the current position of Purchasing and Human Resources into two separate positions, one of which will be Purchasing and will remain in its current position on the organizational chart and the other position will be Human Resources and will be located on the organizational chart between Chief of Staff and City Clerk; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the current duties of Purchasing and Human Resources will be divided between the two new positions; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the splitting of the position of Purchasing and Human Resources will further require that the Personnel Policies Manual be amended to provide for an altered organizational chart; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed change to Purchasing and Human Resources and agrees that the split of the position into two positions is advisable and in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of Natchitoches does hereby divide the current position of Purchasing and Human Resources into two positions one of which will be Purchasing and one of which will be Human Resources.

SECTION 2: The City Council of the City of Natchitoches does hereby authorize the amendment of the Personnel Policies Manual of the City of Natchitoches to provide for a new organizational chart, and that the organizational chart as set forth on page XII of the current Personnel Policies Manual be amended to change the current position of Purchasing and Human Resources to be Purchasing and to include the new

position of Human Resources on the organizational chart between Chief of Staff and City Clerk .

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on January 9, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on January 12, 2023.

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 24th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

		The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Petite and seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:		
		ORDINANCE NO. 003 OF 2023		
		AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES		
WHEREAS, Louisiana Statute (R.S. 39:1310-1311) 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.				
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the general funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:				
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
REVENUE	GENERAL FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
001-0000-481-0000	Miscellaneous Income	10,000	75,000	85,000
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	10,000	75,000	85,000
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
001-5800-580-3599	Operating Services/Other		75,000	75,000
				-
				-
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	75,000	75,000
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
REVENUE	UTILITY FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
UTILITY FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on January 9, 2023 and published in the Natchitoches Times on January 12, 2023.				
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: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite				
NAYES: None				
ABSENT: None				
ABSTAIN: None				
THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.				
Ronnie Williams, Jr., MAYOR Betty Smith, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE				
Delivered to the Mayor on the 24th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.				

Clarissa Smith provided information in regards to Ordinance No. 003 of 2022.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Harrington and seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to-wit:				
	ORDINANCE NO. 004 OF 2023			
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022-2023 BUDGET TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES				
WHEREAS, Louisiana Statute (R.S. 39:1310-1311) 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.				
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the general funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:				
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
REVENUE	GENERAL FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
001-5000-500-9003	Capital Assets-Vehicle	75,000	(75,000)	-
071-0000-591-2603	Repairs & Maintenance-Building and Grounds	100,000	(25,000)	75,000
001-5800-580-3520	Operating Services-Industrial Development	14,000	100,000	114,000
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	189,000	-	189,000
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
REVENUE	UTILITY FUND REVENUE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
UTILITY FUND REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2022-2023	2022-2023	2022-2023
EXPENSES	UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
UTILITY FUND EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on January 9, 2023 and published in the Natchitoches Times on January 12, 2023.				
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: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite				
NAYES: None				
ABSENT: None				
ABSTAIN: None				
THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of <u>5</u> Ayes to <u>0</u> Nays this 23rd day of January, 2023.				
Ronnie Williams, Jr., MAYOR Betty Smith, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE				
Delivered to the Mayor on the 24th day of January, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.				

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the January 23, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 005 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ENTER INTO A LEASE OF A 29.7 ACRE TRACT IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR HAY OPERATIONS WITH M & M FARMS OF CANE RIVER, L.L.C., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches currently leases a 29.7-acre tract South of Industrial Drive in the Industrial Park, for hay to M & M Farms of Cane River, L.L.C. (sometimes hereinafter “M & M”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has reviewed the current lease and is of the opinion that M & M has satisfactorily fulfilled its obligations under the lease in the past, and is of the opinion that the lease should be renewed for a three-year term with M & M; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has recommended to the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the lease be renewed with M & M for an additional three-year term; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed hay field lease a copy of which said lease is attached hereto; and

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the hay field rights are not needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the recommendations of the Purchasing Department are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement with M & M, for hay field operations,

all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and approved by the Finance Department and Purchasing Department.

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

Edd Lee spoke in reference to Ordinances NO. 5,7,and 8, of 2023.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the January 23, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 007 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ENTER INTO A LEASE OF A 25 ACRE TRACT IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR HAY OPERATIONS WITH JAMES R. STACY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches currently leases a 25-acre tract North of Industrial Drive in the Industrial Park, for hay to James Russell Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has reviewed the current lease and is of the opinion that Mr. Stacy has satisfactorily fulfilled his obligations under leases in the past, and is of the opinion that the lease should be renewed for a three-year term with Mr. Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has recommended to the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the lease be renewed with James Russell Stacy for an additional three-year term; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed hay field lease a copy of which said lease is attached hereto; and

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the hay field rights are not needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the recommendations of the Finance Department and Purchasing Department are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and

he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement with James R. Stacy, for hay field operations, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and approved by the Director of Finance and Purchasing Department.

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the January 23, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 008 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE AIRPORT COMMISSION, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AUTHORIZE A LEASE OF THAT AREA UNDER FENCE AT THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT FOR HAY OPERATIONS WITH JAMES RUSSELL STACY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches currently leases its area under fence at the Natchitoches Regional Airport, for hay to James Russell Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has reviewed the current lease and is of the opinion that Mr. Stacy has satisfactorily fulfilled his obligations under leases in the past, and is of the opinion that the lease should be renewed for a three-year term with Mr. Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has recommended to the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the lease be renewed with James Russell Stacy for an additional three-year term; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed hay field lease;

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the hay field rights are not needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Airport Commission has reviewed the proposed lease and has approved same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the recommendations of the Finance Department and Purchasing Department are

hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement with James Russell Stacy, for hay field operations, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the January 23, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 009 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE FROM THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES IN FAVOR OF JOHN DANLEY AND SALLY DANLEY OF THAT PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN THE SOUTH LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 1 BY-PASS AND WATERWELL ROAD BEING TRACTS "B" AND "D" AS SHOWN ON A SURVEY BY GLEN L. CANNON, DATED OCTOBER 2005 AND RECORDED AT MAP SLIDE 569-B OF THE RECORDS OF NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE, A PUBLIC HEARING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS John Danley and Sally Danley (sometimes hereinafter "Danley") submitted a response to a Request For Proposal #0303, which requested proposals for the agricultural lease of two tracts of land located in Section 88, Township 9 North, Range 7 West and Section 57, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, said property being more fully being shown and depicted as Tracts "B" and "D" on a survey by Glen L. Cannon, dated October 2005 and recorded at Map Slide 569-B of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Tracts "B" and "D" are more fully described as follows, to-w
it: That certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated and located in Section 57, Township 8 North, Range 7 West and in Section 88 Township 9 North, Range 7 West, being more fully shown and depicted as Tracts "B" and "D" on a survey prepared by Glen L. Cannon, dated October; 2005, and recorded at Map Slide 569B of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, said Tract "B" being 171.22 acres, more or less and Tract "D" being 25.88 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS FURTHER, in their response to RFP #0303, Danley proposed to lease Tracts "B" and "D" for the sum of \$137.00 per acre per year, and as additional consideration has agreed to maintain by bush hog excess land, and will disc the property at the end of the lease in order to remove all rows; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the response by Danley was the highest price per acre offered and was the successful response; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the term of the lease, as bid, is for a three- year term, beginning

January 1, 2023 and terminating December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, understanding the City of Natchitoches acquired the property for industrial development and acknowledging that the property may need to be made available to a developer during the term of the lease or some extension thereof, the parties have agreed that the City may terminate the lease early if the property is needed for industrial development, and if the lease is canceled during its term, the City will reimburse Danley for the fair market value of the crop at the time that the lease is cancelled; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, there will be no reimbursement to Danley if the lease is canceled during the period from September 16 through April 14; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property which is the subject of the proposed lease is currently not being used for any purpose, and the City of Natchitoches desires to create a source of income for the City of Natchitoches until such time that the property is needed for industrial development; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed agricultural lease; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the property shown and depicted as Tracts "B" and "D" on a survey by Glen L. Cannon, dated October 2005 and recorded at Map Slide 569-B of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, are not currently needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that Ronnie Williams, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agricultural lease agreement with John and Sally Danley, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not currently needed for public purposes by the City.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the January 23, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 010 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO ASSIST WITH THE WATER TREATMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE 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 Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000.00) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Water Treatment Funding**”) for the purpose of financing improvements to the water treatment system in the City of Natchitoches, including rehabilitation or maintenance, renovation, removal and remediation of environmental contaminants, demolition or deconstruction (the “**Projects**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches is the proper recipient of the ARPA Water Treatment Funding as the instrument of the City most capable of managing the Projects; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA Water Treatment 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 Water Treatment 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, if necessary, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the ARPA Water Treatment Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing for the Projects or such other purposes qualifying as 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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 006 OF 2023

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT
BY AND BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF
ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
AND THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES FOR THE FY '2021-2022' LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR THE
AMOUNT OF \$13,500.00 TO PURCHASE HAZMAT SUITS, GAS DETECTORS,
RUBBER BOOTS AND GLOVES FOR THE NATCHITOCHES FIRE DEPARTMENT`**

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development, through the Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP), provides funding for needed infrastructure and long-term capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, eligible activities funded through the LGAP Program include fire protection and renovations to essential government buildings; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards approved the FY '2021-2022' Louisiana Local Assistance Program's (LGAP) application by the City of Natchitoches in the amount of **\$13,500.00** to purchase Hazmat Suits, Gas Detectors, Rubber Boots and Gloves for the Natchitoches Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper that a Contract by and between the Division of Administration and the City of Natchitoches be executed between the parties establishing the terms and conditions of the grant.

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 this contract.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Chief Wynn spoke in reference to Resolution No. 006 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 007 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.,
TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KSA
ENGINEERS INC.**

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 and the Natchitoches Airport Commission solicited proposals for engineering services under Request for Qualifications #0112 and received proposals from Airport Development Group of Denver, Colorado; Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. of Shreveport, Louisiana; and KSA of Shreveport, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the proposals received have been reviewed by a committee of Edd Lee, Larry Cooper, and Stanley Salter and the committee was unanimous in its decision to award RFQ #0112 to **KSA Engineers, Inc.**, of Shreveport, Louisiana for a three-year term, with the option of two additional one-year terms, assuming all conditions of the previous term were satisfactorily met; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, on January 17, 2023, the Natchitoches Airport Commission approved Resolution No. 01 of 2023 (attached hereto) recommending that the City and the Natchitoches Airport Commission enter into a Master Services Agreement with **KSA Engineers, Inc.**; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, after reading the recommendation of the Natchitoches Regional Airport committee, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the City to enter into a Master Services Agreement with **KSA Engineers, Inc.**, and desires to authorize Mayor Lee Posey to execute the Agreement and all attachments thereto.

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

I. That the recommendations of the Airport Committee are accepted, and the Resolution No. 01 of 2023 passed by the Natchitoches Airport Commission (attached hereto) is acknowledged and the City Council of the City of Natchitoches does hereby approve of the proposal submitted on behalf of KSA Engineers, Inc.

II. **That** the Honorable Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Master Services Agreement and all attachments thereto and any other document that may be required to complete the 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.

III. That this Request for Qualifications #0112 was duly advertised in *The Natchitoches Times* on December 22, December 29, 2022 and January 5, 2023 and in *The Advocate* on December 23, 2022.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee spoke in reference to Resolution No. 007 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 008 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOFTWARE CHANGE ORDER BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., TO PROVIDE FOR DATA CONVERSION RELATED TO CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE THE SOFTWARE CHANGE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) recently approved a contract to obtain updated communication systems for emergency response agencies in order to come into compliance with certain State and Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, in order to complete the data conversion necessary to optimize the function of the new communications systems the CITY desires to enter into a Software Change Order with Motorola Solutions, Inc.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a copy of the Motorola Command Center Software Change-Order Proposal from Motorola Solutions, Inc., is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, having reviewed the attached Command Center Software Change-Order Proposal between the City and Motorola Solutions, Inc., and approving same, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to authorize the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to execute the agreement on behalf of the CITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, does hereby authorize, empower, and direct the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, to execute the Software Change Order between Motorola Solutions, Inc., and the City of Natchitoches.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Chief Collins spoke in reference to Resolution No. 008 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 009 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS AND FORM
OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND KEEP
LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT (CEA) BETWEEN THE CITY OF
NATCHITOCHES AND KEEP LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL
WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR TERMS FOR THE KEEP
LOUISIANA BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFCATION GRANT.**

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 Keep Louisiana Beautiful to improve the appearance of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, Keep Louisiana Beautiful, affiliated with Keep America Beautiful, is a volunteer-based nonprofit organization dedicated to litter reduction through education, enforcement and cleanups; and

WHEREAS, Keep Louisiana Beautiful offers grants to qualified organizations and governmental agencies to reduce litter and reduce waste in Louisiana through education, enforcement and/or cleanup projects; and

WHEREAS, Keep Natchitoches Beautiful, is one of Louisiana’s Keep America Beautiful affiliates and is seeking grant funds for the beautification of the University Parkway median at I49 to further enhance the City of Natchitoches’ beautification efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the City of Natchitoches does hereby support and endorse the submission of the Agreement to Keep Louisiana Beautiful for a beautification grant.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Ronnie Williams Jr., is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Keep Louisiana Beautiful.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 23rd day of January, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Randy Lacaze spoke in reference to Resolution No. 009 of 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **February 13, 2023**.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

_____/s_____
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

_____/s_____
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE