

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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, October 24, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilman Christopher Petite
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 Councilwoman At Large Mrs. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the October 10, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Petite.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

Planning and Zoning Appeal; Matt Gallofaro and Daniel Simmons requested a variance of age requirement on manufactured home in the community. Matt Gallofaro spoke on behalf his company and what they are requesting in regards to the planning and zoning appeal.

Carl Sias spoke about planning and zoning appeal.

Motion to table Planning and Zoning Appeal by Councilwoman At Large Smith and seconded by Councilwoman Elie.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 099 OF 2022

PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across the City of Natchitoches, the United Sates and the world with implications for personal and community health; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence does not discriminate and touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, or socioeconomic status; and

WHEREAS, considering medical expenses, lost productivity, legal costs, and property loss and damage, domestic violence costs victims nearly \$82,000 over their lifetime and collectively costs the United States \$3.6 trillion; and

WHEREAS, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, every day in the City of Natchitoches individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, providing services including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services;

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., do hereby proclaim the month of October as
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Natchitoches and urges all residents to become involved in efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence and recognize the impact of domestic violence in our community.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite, Harrington
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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Police Chief Collins spoke in reference to Proclamation No. 099 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 066 OF 2022

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

Lot 15 & A portion of Lot 14, Block “B” of Keegan’s East Natchitoches Subdivision

(Scarborough Ave. and East 5th Street.)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **October 4, 2022** that the application of Rand S. Metoyer to rezone the property described above from and B-1 Commercial to B-2 Commercial for the purpose of resale, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 13, 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:	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 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of November, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Ran Metoyer owner of property in reference to Ordinance No. 066 of 2022 spoke in reference to Ordinance.

Councilwoman At Large made a motion to table Ordinance No. 066 of 2022 and seconded by Councilman Nielsen.

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 14th day of November, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 067 OF 2022

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

Tracts “A” Containing 1.89 Acres and “B” Containing 1.36 Acres In Section 87, Township 9 North-Range, 7 West as Shown on Plat in Conveyance Book 330, Page 490 and Lot containing 1.37 Acres West of Tract “A” and Lot containing 0.81 Acre Below Tracts “A” and “B”, all shown on Plat in Conveyance Book 493, Page 760.

(7096 Hwy 1 Bypass)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **October 4, 2022** that the application of Morgan Papillion to rezone the property described above from B-3 Commercial to B-3 Commercial with additional B-A zoning, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 13, 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:	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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Councilwoman Elie asked a question to Mr. Morgan Papillon spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 067 of 2022. Shontrell Roques spoke in reference to Ordinance No. 067 of 2022.

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

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 September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, October 6, and October 13, 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, Petite

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Elie

ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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

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 September 26, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 29, October 6, and October 13, 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: **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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 064 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR CAUSTIC SODA FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
(BID NO. 0655)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.072 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 22, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Caustic Soda for the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0655); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised on Bid Express, in accordance with law; and

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

- (1) Premier Chemicals
Baton Rouge, LA \$0.265 cents per pound
- (2) Univar Solutions USA, Inc.,
Kent, WA \$0.2863 cents per pound

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Christopher Petite, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for Caustic Soda for the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0655); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Premier Chemicals** in the amount of **\$0.265 cents per pound**.

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 October 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 13, 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: 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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Matt Anderson provided brief remarks about Ordinance No. 064 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 065 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, THE RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION AND THE NATCHITOCHES CONVENTION & VISTORS BUREAU TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THE RED RIVER FOR THE KINGKAT FISHING TOURNAMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) the Red River Waterway Commission (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**Waterway Commission**”), and the Natchitoches Convention & Vistors Bureau (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**CVB**”) are desirous of hosting the KingKat Fishing Tournament to be held on the Red River on April 20, 21 and 22, 2023, and has proposed that the City enter into an agreement titled Memorandum of Cooperative Endeavor between Red River Waterway Commission and City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Convention & Visitors Bureau, a copy of which is attached hereto (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “**Agreement**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the KingKat Fishing Tournament will draw fishermen, their families and fans to the City and Parish of Natchitoches for the tournament; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the tournament will have a strong economic impact on the Natchitoches community, benefitting local merchants, providers of services and increasing tax revenues to the City and Parish of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the tournament will provide publicity to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana promoting the City of Natchitoches as a destination for tourism as well as recreation; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, having reviewed the attached Agreement, and being of the opinion that the tournament will have a positive effect and will benefit the City of Natchitoches, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED 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 “**Agreement**”, between the City of Natchitoches, the **Waterway Commission** and the “**CVB**” wherein the City agrees to host the KingKat fishing tournament in Natchitoches Parish to be held April 20, 21 and 22, 2023, and further agrees to those obligations set forth in the attached Agreement.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 13, 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: 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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 068 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO DEMOLISH CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES THAT ARE A DANGER 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 Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup Funding**”) for the purpose of financing improvements to vacant and abandoned properties, including rehabilitation or maintenance, renovation, removal and remediation of environmental contaminants, demolition or deconstruction, and greening/vacant lot cleanup (the “**Rehabilitation Projects**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, this Governing Authority has previously adopted Ordinance No. 41 of 2022 on August 23, 2022 authorizing the demolition or repair of eight (8) properties that are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and a danger to the public welfare (the “**Condemned Properties**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches is the proper recipient of the ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup Funding as the instrument of the City most capable of managing Rehabilitation Projects for the Condemned Properties; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the ARPA Neighborhood Cleanup 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 Neighborhood Cleanup 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 Neighborhood Cleanup Funding and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, for the purposes of properly distributing for Rehabilitation Projects within the Condemned Properties or such other purposes qualifying as Rehabilitation 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 October 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 13, 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:	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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Carl Sias made remarks in reference to Ordinance No. 068 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 069 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF A LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE THE LEASE; 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 2.10 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches of 1976 lists actions taken by the City requiring an ordinance to be effective, which include, but are not limited to, the lease of conveyance of any lands of the City and the acquisition of any real property on behalf of the City ; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Union Pacific Railroad Company (the “Company”) is the owner of certain real property (the “Property”) which the City has leased from the Company pursuant to an agreement entered into on May 28th, 2002 (the “2002 Lease”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the 2002 Lease has expired as of May of 2022; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of the City and the Company to enter into a new lease agreement (the “Lease”) concerning the Property, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

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 Governing Authority, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the execution of the above described Lease, in substantially similar form as the draft attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Lease, and any and all other documents necessary to facilitate the cooperation described therein, in the name of and on behalf of the City; and

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, sections or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect consistent with the terms of this Ordinance absent the invalidated provisions, sections or applications, and to this end the provisions or sections of this Ordinance, or their applications, so invalidated are hereby declared severable; and

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 10, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 13, 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:	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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of October, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Matt Anderson made brief remarks about Ordinance No. 069 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 070 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION, KEYSER LIFT STATION (BID NO. 0650)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.074 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 22, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Keyser Lift Station (Bid No. 0650); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, August 25, September 1, and September 8, 2022 in accordance with law; and

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

- (3) Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC
Harrisonburg, LA\$561,194.00
- (4) Dixie Overland Construction, LLC
Sibley, LA\$588,100.00
- (5) David Lawler Construction Inc.
Shreveport, LA.....\$629,000.00
- (6) Pulley Construction, Inc.
Benton, LA.....\$689,000.00

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2022 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman at Large, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Keyser Lift Station (Bid No. 0650); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Womack and Sons Construction Group, LLC** in the amount of **\$561,194.00**

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 October 24, 2022

Matt Anderson provided information about Ordinance No. 070 of 2022.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 071 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THAT INSTRUMENT TITLED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, WHICH AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR FUNDING FOR THE BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PROGRAM; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR. TO EXECUTE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter “State” and/or Agency) desire to work together with the “City” in implementation of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Act 170 of 2022 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature, which was adopted in accordance with Article VII, Section 10, of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, is the appropriation for the expenditure of State funds, and said Act 170 contains a line item appropriation within the Agency’s budget for the benefit of the City of Natchitoches of which the sum of **SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND & NO/100 (\$75,000 DOLLARS)** has been allocated for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program, as set forth in the Attachment A Plan, which is attached and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches desires to implement the Big Brothers Big Sisters program to provide children facing adversity with a strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentor relationship whose impact will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the attached agreement entitled “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana” (sometimes hereinafter “Agreement”) provides public purpose described as:

- 1).** to provide youth, ages six to young adulthood, the opportunity to reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships;
- 2).** at no cost to the families served, this program unites young people (Littles) with caring positive adult role models (Bigs);
- 3).** these relationships provide Littles the tools they will need to overcome the adversities they face, such as societal barriers or identity-based discrimination, and continue successfully on their path to adulthood, developing the characteristics need for academic, social, and economic success; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program is in the best interest of the City.

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council has reviewed and does approve the attached “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the State”; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the terms of the “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the State”, attached hereto, is approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized to execute the attached “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 24, 2022

Kallie Christ provided information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadia, Natchitoches Location will be the first satellite location in regard to Resolution No. 071 of 2022.

Senator Louis Bernard spoke in regard to Resolution No. 071 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 095 OF 2022
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME
SALARY SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT TO THE
CITY OF NATCHITOCHES EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches recognizes the need to increase the compensation of its employees; and

WHEREAS, due to the City employees maintaining a safe work environment and not utilizing the Worker’s Compensation Fund throughout the year, there exists a sufficient surplus in the Worker’s Compensation fund of the City of Natchitoches to make a one-time salary supplement payment of \$500.00 to the regular full time employees, \$500.00 to the City Council Members, and \$250.00 to the regular part-time employees actively working (non-seasonal); and

WHEREAS, because the source of this salary supplement would be an accumulated surplus in the Worker’s Compensation Fund, and not a recurring revenue source, it would not be fiscally responsible to make this payment anything other than a one-time event for this fiscal year only, and which payment would not become a part of any employee’s base salary or salary schedule; and

WHEREAS, this one-time salary supplement is not a bonus for work already performed, but is intended as future earned compensation for the remainder of this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this payment is for personnel employed as of November 1, 2022 and will be prorated based on the length of service for the previous twelve months.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this salary supplement shall be a one-time payment this fiscal year only; and not an annual event, and shall not become a part of any employee’s base salary or salary schedule.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite, Harrington
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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 096 OF 2022

RESOLUTION APPROVING A UTILITY EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR PLACEMENT OF WATER FLUSH ASSMEBLY AND WATER LINES FROM THE SOUTHER SIDE OF PENINSULA DRIVE TO SIBLEY LAKE ACROSS PROPERTY OF WHITE PROPERTIES AND DEVELOPMENT, L.L.C., SAID EASEMENT DEPICTED SEPTEMBER 16, 2022 SURVEY BY THORNTON, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE UTILITY EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has negotiated a ten-foot-wide easement and right of way across the western side of property owned by White Properties and Development, L.L.C., said easement situated South of Peninsula Drive and situated in Section 47, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, for the placement of water lines and other equipment associated with a water flush assembly; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, in order to facilitate the placement of the water flush assembly and desiring the resulting improvement in water service to the area White Properties and Development, L.L.C., has agreed to grant an easement and right of way to the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, an Easement and Right of Way has been negotiated and drafted and a copy is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches to enter into the Easement and Right of Way, and the Council desires to have the Easement and Right of Way executed on behalf of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Natchitoches City Council, in legal session convened, does hereby approve of the attached Easement and Right of Way, and does further hereby authorize the Mayor to execute the Easement and Right of Way, on behalf of the City of Natchitoches.

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

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite, Harrington
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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Matt Anderson made remarks in regards to Resolution No. 096 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 097 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.
TO ADOPT THE REQUIRED PLANS, POLICIES, APPOINTMENTS AND
AUTHORIZATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE LCDBG
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has been awarded a FY 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) for Richardson Park Improvements; and

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., Betty Sawyer-Smith, and Clarissa Brown-Smith are hereby authorized to sign for Requests for Payment; Stacy McQueary shall certify to the correctness of each signature, that Sabine State Bank is hereby designated as the official depository of all LCDBG funds and that Ronnie Williams, Jr. and Clarissa Brown-Smith are authorized to sign checks on the official depository, of which two signatures are required for each check.

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

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite, Harrington
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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Nicole Gray spoke in reference to Resolution No. 097 of 2022.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 098 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE 2022 - 2023 COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) GRANT FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches intends to replace galvanized and cast iron water mains with PVC water mains within the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, the potential water main replacements will provide an extra measure of leak protection and provide for a safer, more efficient potable water supply within the City, as well as decrease the loss of revenue for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches does not have sufficient unappropriated funds on hand for the required capital improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the requirements of the Community Water Enrichment Fund, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Natchitoches do hereby support and cordially request grant authorization to execute and submit an application for the 2022-2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund funding.

FURTHER, that Ronnie Williams, Jr., as Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to sign the application, contract, and all Requests for Payment or other documents required by the Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

FURTHER, that Stacy McQueary, Clerk, be and she is hereby authorized to serve as the Certifying Officer to attest to the signature of Ronnie Williams, Jr. as authorized signatory.”

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite, Harrington
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 24th day of October, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Matt Anderson explained details of Resolution No. 098 of 2022.

Announcements:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be Monday, November 14, 2022.
- The office of the City of Natchitoches will be closed Friday November 11, 2022 in observance of Veterans Day.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

_____/s/
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

_____/s/
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE