

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, September 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Christopher Petite

Guest: Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (Safe Streets for All Grant)

Absent: Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

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

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the August 28, 2023 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: **Smith, Harrington, Petite**
NAYS: **None**
ABSENT: **Elie, Nielsen,**
ABSTAIN: **None**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 082 OF 2023

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 AS
JASON JONES DAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, The Women’s Resource Center, a pregnancy help medical clinic, was founded in 1989 as a non-profit organization to offer services, assistance and guidance to young women facing difficult life situations most often due to unplanned pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Women’s Resource Center became a Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic that offered material assistance as well as obstetrical ultrasound, prenatal education, breastfeeding assistance and post-partum follow-up; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Women’s Resource Center consists of trained volunteers, including registered nurses, as well as the donated time of Dr. Martin Aviles who oversees medical issues of the Center; and

WHEREAS, the Women’s Resource Center is the largest organization of its type and scope in Central Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Women’s Resource Center will be hosting the annual “**Celebration of Life**” fundraising gala on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at the Natchitoches Events Center at which Jason Jones will be the keynote speaker; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches wishes to honor Mr. Jason Jones in his life crusades and taking time from his busy schedule to promote the mission of the Women’s Resource Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, September 21, 2023, as

JASON JONES DAY

in the City of Natchitoches in honor of the dedication and contributions of Mr. Jason Jones.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 11th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Morgan Lacaze spoke in reference to Resolution No. 082 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 083 OF 2023

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 AS JIM CROCE DAY
IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, James Joseph Croce “Jim” (January 10, 1943 - September 20, 1973) was an American folk and rock singer-songwriter; and

WHEREAS, Croce grew up in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, and attended Darby High School.

WHEREAS, Croce did not take music seriously until he studied at Villanova University, where he became a leader of the campus sing group The Villanova Singers; and

WHEREAS, the Villanova Singers performed at fraternity parties, coffeehouses and universities around Philadelphia, playing “anything that people wanted to hear: blues, rock, cappella, railroad music; and

WHEREAS, Croce released his first album, *Facets*, in 1966, with 500 copies pressed. The album was finance with a \$500.00 (\$4,150.00 in 2022 dollars) wedding gift from Croce’s parents, who set a condition that the money must be spent to make an album; and

WHEREAS, his parents hoped that Croce would give up music after the album failed and use his college education to purse a “respectable” profession. However, the album proved to be a success, with every copy sold; and

WHEREAS, from the mid-1960’s to the early 1970’s, Croce and his wife performed as a duo, known as *Jim & Ingrid Croce*; and

WHEREAS, during his music career, Croce began writing his own music. In 1968, the Croce’s were encouraged by record producer Tommy West to move to New York City. The couple spent time in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx and recorded their first album with Capitol Records; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, Croce signed a three-record contract with [ABC Records](#), releasing two albums, [You Don't Mess Around with Jim](#) and [Life and Times](#). The singles "[You Don't Mess Around with Jim](#)", "[Operator \(That's Not the Way It Feels\)](#)", and "[Time in a Bottle](#)" all received airplay. That same year, the Croce family moved to San Diego, California. Croce began appearing on television, including his national debut on [American Bandstand](#)^[19] on August 12, [The Tonight Show](#)^[20] on August 14, and [The Dick Cavett Show](#) on September 20 and 21; and

WHEREAS, Croce began touring the United States and made television appearances on [The Midnight Special](#), which he co-hosted on June 15, and [The Helen Reddy Show](#) on July 19. His biggest single, "[Bad, Bad Leroy Brown](#)", reached No. 1 on the American charts in July; and

WHEREAS, on the night of Thursday, September 20, 1973, during Croce's *Life and Times* tour and the day before his ABC single "[I Got a Name](#)" was released, Croce and five others were killed when their chartered [Beechcraft E18S](#) crashed into a tree during takeoff from the [Natchitoches Regional Airport](#); and

WHEREAS, an hour before the crash, Croce had completed a concert at [Northwestern State University's Prather Coliseum](#).

WHEREAS, Croce was loved by many artists and fans, his dedication and love for music will keep his memory alive.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches do hereby proclaim September 20, 2023 to be

JIM CROCE DAY

In the City of Natchitoches

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 11th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee spoke in reference to Resolution No. 083 of 2023.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the September 11, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 054 OF 2023

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

13.63 Acres—Being a Portion of Land Situated on the South side of State Highway 6 Extending southward onto the Northwestern State College Campus and That Portion of Northwestern State University lying North and West of Tarlton Drive Being Bounded on the North by University and Parkway, on the South by Natchitoches Central High School, and on the West by Highway 3110

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **September 5, 2023** that the application of Northwestern State University, to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to B3 Commercial for future development of businesses associated with or in support role of the University, be **APPROVED**.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the September 11, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 055 OF 2023

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

Lot 80 Ft. Front East Side 2nd St., N by Free, S by Grayson, E by Boundary Line Between Sherman Wilson, ET UX & City of Natchitoches

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **September 5, 2023** that the application of Janice Marie Scribner, to rezone the property described above from R-2 Residential to R-2 Residential with a special exception for short-term rental/ Air B&B Venue, **APPROVED**.

Shontrell Roques spoke in regard to Ordinance No. 055 of 2023.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 048 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR THE EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT, SLUDGE THICKENER #2 CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

(BID NO. 0662)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.042 of 2023 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on May 22, 2023 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Equipment Replacement, Sludge Thickener #2 City of Natchitoches Wastewater Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0662); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, June 1, June 8, and June 22, 2023 in accordance with law; and

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

- (1) McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.,
Minden, La.....\$756,000.00

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2023 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for the Equipment Replacement, Sludge Thickener #2 City of Natchitoches Wastewater Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0656); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the only bidder McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of **\$756,000.00**

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 August 28, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 2, 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: Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie, Nielsen
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 11th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 12th day of September, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

Mrs. Smith made a motion to table this Ordinance which was seconded by Mr. Petite, the motion to table was presented for a vote and the vote was recorded as follows:

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr., declared the ORDINANCE **TABLED** by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 11^h day of September, 2023.

The following entitled Ordinance, having been previously introduced on August 28, 2023, notice of introduction having been published in the City's official journal on September 2, 2023, and a public hearing held thereon on _____, 2023, was offered for final adoption by _____ and seconded by _____:

**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE
NO. 050 OF 2023**

**A FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA OF
ITS UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2023, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS (\$11,645,000) PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE
ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID
BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN
CONNECTION THERE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the “**City**” or “**Issuer**”), now owns and operates a combined waterworks plant and system, electric power and light plant system, and sewer utility system (collectively, the “**System**”), and proposes to acquire and construct additions, extensions and improvements to the System, including but not necessarily limited to equipment and fixtures, which shall constitute a work of public improvement for the City (collectively, the “**Project**”); and; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to issue not to exceed Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000) Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 (the “**Bonds**”), for the purposes of: (i) acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the sewer utility portion of the System, including but not necessarily limited to equipment and fixtures, (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund or purchasing a reserve fund policy, if necessary, and (iii) paying the Cost of Issuance of the Bonds, including the costs of purchasing a bond insurance policy, if necessary. The Bonds will be payable as to principal and interest from a pledge and dedication of the Revenues of the System(as defined in the hereinafter defined General Bond Ordinance) after payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the “**Net Revenues**”), in the manner prescribed by and under the authority of Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority (the “**Act**”); and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2015, the Mayor and City Council acting as the governing authority (the “**Governing Authority**”) of the City adopted General Bond Ordinance No. 001 of

2015 entitled: “A General Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance from time to time of Utilities Revenue Bonds of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, and certain terms and conditions of said Bonds; establishing funds and accounts relating to said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest including a rate covenant relating thereto; and providing for other matters in connection therewith” (the “**General Bond Ordinance**”), which authorizes the issuance of utilities revenue bonds from time to time for the purposes described therein; and

WHEREAS, the City's Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 (the “**Series 2015 Bonds**”) having been issued pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance and the First Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 2 of 2015 adopted by this Governing Authority on January 26, 2015 (the “**First Supplemental Bond Ordinance**”), have been fully refunded, have been either discharged or defeased, and are no longer outstanding; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the delivery of the Bonds, the City has no outstanding indebtedness payable from the income and revenues to be derived from the Net Revenues, except for the following:

- (a) the City's \$4,000,000 Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, maturing December 1, 2030 (the “**Series 2021 Bonds**”) issued pursuant to the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 004 of 2021 adopted by this Governing Authority on March 8, 2021 (the “**Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance**”); and
- (b) the City's \$935,000 Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, maturing December 1, 2043 (the “**Series 2022 Bonds**” and together with the Series 2021 Bonds, the “**Outstanding Parity Bonds**”) issued pursuant to the Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance No. 001 of 2022 adopted by this Governing Authority on June 27, 2022 (the “**Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance**”); and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be issued on a complete parity with the Outstanding Parity Bonds with respect to the pledge of the Net Revenues and upon issuance shall be deemed “Outstanding Parity Bonds” as defined in the General Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bond Commission granted its approval of the issuance of the Bonds on _____, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has determined that the sale of the Bonds to Piper Sandler & Co., as underwriter (the “**Underwriter**”) and the use of the proceeds thereof to finance the Project.

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt this Series Ordinance (the “**Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance**” and, together with the General Bond Ordinance, the First Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance, and the Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the “**Bond Ordinance**”), in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Act and the General Bond Ordinance, to establish the details with respect to the issuance, sale and delivery of the aforesaid series of Bonds to the Underwriter in accordance with Article IX of the General Bond Ordinance, to authorize the issuance of the Bonds to authorize the execution and delivery of (i) the Preliminary Official Statement; (ii) the Bond Purchase Agreement, (iii) the Official Statement; and (iv) all other documents, certificates and contracts ancillary thereto and required in connection with the transaction contemplated hereby; and to provide for the execution of all instruments, documents and certificates in connection therewith, in the manner provided by the Bond Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Authority of the City, that:

SECTION 1. Definitions. In addition to capitalized words and terms elsewhere defined herein, unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, all words and terms used in this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance which are defined in the General Bond Ordinance shall, for all purposes of this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance, have the respective meanings given to them in

the General Bond Ordinance. In addition, unless the context shall clearly indicate some other meaning, the following terms shall, for all purposes of the General Bond Ordinance and of this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance or of any resolution or other instrument amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto have the following meanings:

“Act” means Section 1430 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto.

“Bond” or “Bonds” means the Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, issued by the Bond Ordinance in the total aggregate principal amount of not exceeding Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000), and any bond of said issue, whether initially delivered or issued in exchange for, upon transfer of, or *in lieu* of any previously issued, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

“Bond Insurer” means _____, a New York domiciled mutual insurance corporation, or any successor thereto or assignee thereof.

“Bond Insurance Policy” means the Municipal Bond Insurance Policy issued by ____ that guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of an interest on the Insured Obligation when due. **“Bond Ordinance”** means the General Bond Ordinance, the First Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the Second Supplemental Bond Ordinance, the Third Supplemental Bond Ordinance, and this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance.

“Bond Purchase Agreement” means the agreement between the Issuer and the Underwriter providing for the sale of the Bonds, the execution of which is authorized herein.

“Book-Entry System” means the system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds maintained by the Securities Depository described in _____ hereof.

“City” or “Issuer” means the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, and its successors or assigns.

“Closing Memorandum” means that certain closing memorandum or similar document to be prepared by the Underwriter or Municipal Advisor detailing the application for the Bond Proceeds and the sequence of events which are to occur on the Closing Date.

“Costs of Issuance” means all items of expense, directly or indirectly payable or reimbursable and related to the authorization, sale and issuance of the Bonds, including but not limited to printing costs, costs of preparation and reproduction of documents, filing and recording fees, initial fees and charges of any fiduciary, legal fees and charges, fees and disbursements of consultants and professionals, fees and charges for preparation, execution, transportation and safekeeping of the Bonds, costs and expenses of refunding, and any other cost, charge or fee payable by the City in connection with the original issuance of the Bonds.

“Closing Date” means the date on which the Bonds are delivered and payment therefor is received by the Issuer.

“Insurance Agreement” means the Insurance Agreement dated _____, 2023, between the Issuer and the Bond Insurer.]

“Interest Payment Date” means June 1 and December 1 of each year in which the Bonds are outstanding, commencing December 1, 2023.

“**Paying Agent**” means Regions Bank, an Alabama state trust company having a corporate office located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, until a successor Paying Agent shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Bond Ordinance, and thereafter Paying Agent shall mean such successor Paying Agent.

"**Paying Agent Agreement**" means the Paying Agent Agreement to be entered into between the Issuer and the Paying Agent, pursuant to this Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance.

“**Principal Payment Date**” means each June 1 of each year in which the Bonds are outstanding, commencing June 1, 2024.

“**Project**” means the acquisition and construction of additions, extensions and improvements to the System, including but not necessarily limited to equipment and fixtures, which shall constitute a work of public improvement for the City.

“**Record Date**” for the interest payable on any Interest Payment Date means the 15th calendar day of the month next preceding such Interest Payment Date, whether or not such day is a Business Day.

["**Reserve Insurer**" means, with respect to the Bonds, _____, or any successor therefor, or assigned thereto.]

"**S&P**" or "**Standard & Poor's Ratings Group**" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services a Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC business, its successor and assigns, and, if such corporation shall for any reason no longer preform the functions of a securities rating agency, "S&P" shall be deemed to refer to any other nationally recognized securities rating agency designated by the Issuer.

"**Tax Agreement**" means the Tax Regulatory Agreement and Non-Arbitrage Certificate executed by the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

“**Underwriter**” means Piper Sandler & Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota representing the original purchasers of the Bonds.

SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds.

(a) In compliance with and under the authority of the Act, and other constitutional and statutory authority, there is hereby authorized a series of Bonds hereunder as the "City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023" issued in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding Eleven Million Six Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$11,645,000).

(b) The Bonds shall bear interest at the rates per annum (subject to the right of prior redemption as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement), from date thereof on a 30/360 basis or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, payable on December 1, 2023, and semiannually thereafter on June 1 and December 1 of each year, , and shall become due and payable and mature on June 1 of each year as follows:

Due	Principal	Interest
<u>(June 1)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>

\$_____ of ____% Term Bonds due June 1, 20____, Yield ____%

(c) The Bonds, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository, and shall be evidenced by one Bond for each maturity of a Series in the total aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of such maturity. Registered ownership of the Bonds, or any portion thereof, may not thereafter be transferred except as set forth in Section hereof. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, as nominee of the Depository, references herein to the Bondholders, holders or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co. as aforesaid and shall not mean the "beneficial owners" of the Bonds.

(d) The principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds, upon maturity or redemption, shall be payable at the principal office of the Paying Agent, upon presentation and surrender thereof, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by check mailed by the Paying Agent to the Owner (determined as of the Record Date) at the address shown on the Bond Register. Each Bond delivered under this Bond Ordinance upon transfer or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Bond shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Bond, and each such Bond shall bear interest (as herein set forth) so that neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such transfer, exchange or substitution. No Bond shall be entitled to any right or benefit under this Bond Ordinance, or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Bond a certificate of registration, substantially in the form provided in this Bond Ordinance, executed by the Paying Agent by manual signature.

(e) The principal and interest on the Bonds shall be payable by check mailed to the registered owner of the Bonds (determined as of the Interest Payment Date) at the address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent for such purpose, provided that payment of the final installment of principal on the Bonds shall be made only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent.

(f) The Bonds shall be in fully registered form, shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall be in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) each or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, shall be numbered consecutively from R-1 upward, the Bonds shall mature no later than thirty (30) years from the date thereof and bear interest at a rate not to exceed ____ per centum (____%) per annum, all as will be provided in and subject to the terms and conditions of the Bond Purchase Agreement.

(g) Regions Bank, an Alabama state trust company having a corporate office located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana shall be the initial Paying Agent for the Bonds.

(h) The Bonds are awarded to and sold to the Underwriter at a price of par plus accrued interest, if any, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to La. R.S. 39:505(B), the City has determined to sell the Bonds at a private sale without necessity

of publication of a notice of sale. It is understood that the purchase price of the Bonds will be paid by the Underwriter to the City in the manner and under the terms and conditions set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

(i) The “Reserve Fund Requirement” means with respect to the Bonds an amount equal to the lesser of: (i) 100% of the maximum annual principal and interest due on the Bonds, (ii) 10% of the aggregate proceeds of the Bonds or (iii) 125% of the aggregate average annual debt service on the Bonds, unless lesser amounts are approved by the Mayor in the Bond Purchase Agreement. The Reserve Fund Requirement may be fulfilled as a cash deposit from the proceeds of the Bonds or in the form of a Reserve Fund Policy. Pursuant to Section 5.01(c) of the General Bond Ordinance, the Issuer shall establish a "Series 2023 Reserve Account" in the Reserve Fund which shall solely secure the Bonds, and shall deposit to such account upon the delivery of the Bonds the Reserve Fund Requirement. No changes are made with respect to the required balance in the Contingencies Fund.

(j) No proceeds of the Bonds will be used to refund any outstanding obligations.

(k) The parity requirements of the Outstanding Parity Bond Ordinances are being complied with in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and a parity certification in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B will be delivered at the time of delivery of the Bonds.

(l) In accordance with La. R.S. 39:507, After having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, this Governing Authority hereby determines that the same have been in all respects regular, therefore the Bonds shall contain the following recital, to-wit:

“It is certified that this indebtedness is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the constitution and statutes of Louisiana.”

(m) The Executive Officers are each hereby empowered, authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary and incidental to carry out all of the provisions of the General Bond Ordinance and this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement, and to cause the Bonds to be prepared and/or printed, to issue, execute the Bonds and to effect delivery thereof as hereinafter provided. In connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds, the Executive Officers and the chief financial officer of the City are each authorized, empowered and directed to execute on behalf of the City such additional documents, certificates and instruments as they may deem necessary, upon the advice of bond counsel, to effect the transactions contemplated by this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance, including the preparation and distribution of the preliminary official statement, official statement and Bond Purchase Agreement [and Insurance Agreement]. The signatures of said officers on such documents, certificates and instruments shall be conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority granted hereunder. A commitment for a Municipal Bond Insurance Policy and/or Reserve Policy may be accepted by an Executive Officer, if deemed necessary by Government Consultants, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the Municipal Advisor and Bond Counsel

(n) To the extent permitted by the laws of the State, the City will comply with the requirements of the Code to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from “*gross income*” of interest on the Bonds under the Code. The City shall not take any action or fail to take any action, nor shall it permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Bonds or any other funds of the City to be used directly or indirectly to acquire any securities or obligations the acquisition of which would cause the Bonds to be an “*arbitrage bond*” as defined in the Code, or would result in the inclusion of the interest on the Bonds in “*gross income*” under the Code, including without limitation, the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of the proceeds of said Bonds, the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America, or the use of the proceeds of the in a manner which would cause the Bond to be a “*private activity bond*”

under the Code, all as set forth in greater detail in the Tax Agreement. The ability of the Issuer to designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" will be determined at the time of pricing the Bonds and the designation will be stated in the Bond Purchase Agreement

(o) The Bonds are not being designated as "Build America Bonds" or any similar type of tax-advantaged bonds requiring a designation at this time.

(p) The Executive Officers are hereby empowered and directed to execute an appropriate Continuing Disclosure Certificate (substantially in the form set forth in Appendix E of the official statement issued in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds) pursuant to S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

In addition, to the extent that the Issuer has entered into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, covenant or undertaking with respect to the Bonds, all information furnished pursuant to such agreements shall also be provided to the Insurer, simultaneously with the furnishing of such information.

(q) Application to the State Bond Commission has previously been authorized.

(r) [Bond Insurance Terms]

SECTION 3. Parties Interested Herein. Nothing in this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give to, any person or corporation, other than the City, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation thereof; and all the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this First Supplemental Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City, the Paying Agent and the Owners of the Bonds.

SECTION 4. No Recourse on the Bonds. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or for any claim based thereon or on this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance against any member of the Governing Authority or officer of the City or any person executing the Bonds.

SECTION 5. Successors and Assigns. Whenever in this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance the City is named or referred to, it shall be deemed to include its successors and assigns and all the covenants and agreements in this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance contained by or on behalf of the City shall bind and inure to the benefit of its successors and assigns whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 6. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or of the Bonds issued hereunder shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or of the Bonds, but this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance and the Bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained therein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance or the Bonds which would not otherwise be valid or legal shall be deemed to apply to this Fourth Supplemental Ordinance and to the Bonds.

SECTION 7. Publication; Peremption. This Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance shall be published at least once in the official journal of the City. Exhibits to this ordinance need not be published if the exhibits are enumerated in the publication and it is stated in the publication that such exhibits are available for public inspection at the office of the Governing Authority during regular business hours. For thirty days after the date of publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of this ordinance and of any provision herein made for the security and payment of the Bonds. After that time, no one shall have any cause of action to test the regularity, formality, legality, or effectiveness of this ordinance, and provisions hereof for any cause whatsoever.

Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Bonds has been complied with. No court shall have authority to inquire into any of these matters after the thirty days.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Fourth Supplemental Bond Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

This Ordinance was introduced on August 28, 2023, by Mr. Nielsen, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion to adopt, as amended, by _____, seconded by _____, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

THEREUPON, the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of ____ Yays to ____ Nays this _____ day of _____, 2023.

MAYOR

Delivered to the Mayor on the ____ day of _____, 2023 at ____:____ __.M.

, MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 051 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBER 039
OF 2023, AWARING BID NO. 0661 FOR
IMPROVEMENTS AT PROFESSOR F. M. RICHARDSON
PARK**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches adopted Ordinance No. 039 of 2023 on July 24, 2023, which said Ordinance authorized the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to award the bid for Professor F. M. Richardson Park Improvement, to Regional Construction (Bid No. 0661); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, subsequent to the passage of Ordinance No. 039 of 2023, the City Council was informed that the city had not obtained official approval from the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, State of Louisiana to award bid no. 0661; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration has confirmed that an official approval letter will be issued to the city in the near future; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is in the best interest of the City Council to repeal Ordinance Number 039 of 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana that Ordinance No. 039 of 2023 be and is hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on August 28, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 2, 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:	Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Elie, Nielsen
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 11th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 12th day of September, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 052 OF 2023

ORDINANCE RENAMING THE CITY STREET WHICH IS CURRENTLY DELINEATED AS TRUDEAU STREET TO HENCE FORTH BE KNOWN AS REMEMBRANCE WAY IN HONOR OF THE YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF THE HISTORIC TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILROAD DEPOT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the street extending west to east from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to 6th Street and which is paralleled by Lafayette Street and Amulet Street in the City of Natchitoches (the “**City**”) is currently named Trudeau Street (the “**Street**”); and

WHEREAS, the City held an essay contest to rename the street, and the winning essay resulted in the name “Remembrance Way” being chosen; and

WHEREAS, in honor of year of the founding of the historic Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot, 1927, it is the desire of the City to rename the Street **REMEMBRANCE WAY**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the street extending west to east from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to 6th Street and which is paralleled by Lafayette Street and Amulet Street, currently named Trudeau Street, is hereby renamed Remembrance Way on all signage, official maps, plats or subdivision controls or regulations or zoning plans as they now or may exist.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that upon adoption of this Ordinance that the City Clerk be authorized and instructed to file a copy of the Ordinance with the Clerk for Natchitoches Parish.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that appropriate street signs be installed to designate the name change.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all official maps, plats or subdivision controls or regulations or zoning plans be amended to reflect the name change in honor of the year of the founding of the historic Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot, 1927.

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

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on August 28, 2023 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on September 2, 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: Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Elie, Nielsen
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays this 11th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 12th day of September, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Councilmembers and Alex Washington made remarks in reference to Ordinance No. 052 of 2023

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the September 11, 2023 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 056 OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2023-24 STREET
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

(BID NO. 0663)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.070 of 2023 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on July 24, 2023 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2023 -24 Street Rehabilitation Project, (Bid No. 0663); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, August 3, August 10, and August 17, 2023 in accordance with law; and

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

- (2) Regional Construction, LLC.
Natchitoches, LA\$802,099.90

- (3) Apeck Construction, LLC.
Anacoco, LA\$1,093,707.97

- (4) T.L. Construction, LLC.
Alexandria, LA\$1,094,721.90

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2023 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Donald Forest, Director of Public Works; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for the 2023-24 Street Rehabilitation Project (Bid No. 0663); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Regional Construction, LLC.**, in the amount of **\$802,099.90**

Nick Verret spoke in regard to and answered questions from the Council about Ordinance No. 056 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 081 OF 2023

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

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director and the Finance Director has reviewed the proposals submitted for property insurance for the City of Natchitoches and recommends the contract be awarded to Risk Services of Louisiana, Inc. in the amount of **\$231,604.00** for the policy period **October 11, 2023** through **October 11, 2024**.

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

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 11th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

Edd Lee spoke in regard to Resolution No. 081 of 2023.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 084 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA FOR SECOND STREET AND
TOULINE STREET CONCRETE PAVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT,
PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION (NATCHITOCHES)
(FP&C PROJECT 50-MK9-23-02)**

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, through the Office of Facility Planning and Control of The Division of Administration, has approved funding for Second Street and Toulaine Street Concrete Pavement and Replacement, Planning and Construction (Natchitoches), in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars and No/100 (\$200,000); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana requires that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement be executed in connection with this project; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches desires approval to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement and other documents that may be required to facilitate the funding of the above-described project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., of the City of Natchitoches is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement and other documents necessary and required by the State of Louisiana and the City of Natchitoches to proceed with funding for Second Street and Toulaine Street Concrete Pavement and Replacement, Planning and Construction (Natchitoches) FP&C Project No. 50-MK9-23-02.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 3 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 11th day of September, 2023.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **September 25, 2023.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE