

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 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, May 13, 2024, 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 Councilman Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the April 22, 2024 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 032 OF 2024

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 19 – 25, 2024 AS NATIONAL TRAVEL
AND TOURISM WEEK IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, the travel industry fuels every industry and will continue to be an essential part of Natchitoches, Louisiana’s economy, development and workforce; and

WHEREAS, travel is an economic powerhouse for every state and destination across the country, with an economic output of \$2.9 trillion, supporting 15 million American jobs; and

WHEREAS, travel spending supports vibrant and safe communities in Louisiana and across the United States by generating \$89 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2023 to support essential services, such as education, emergency response, public safety and more; and

WHEREAS, travel enables success for all industries—including manufacturing, agriculture, defense, healthcare and more—by driving sales growth, innovation, education and operations that power our economy, our nation, and Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, America’s travel industry cannot be globally competitive without maximizing growth in leisure, business, and international inbound travelers; increasing travel to and within the United States drives our economy to a more prosperous future and connects America; and

WHEREAS, Small businesses account for more than 60% of leisure and hospitality employment; and

WHEREAS the leaders of our state’s travel and tourism industry truly encapsulate the spirit of our community and our nation; and

WHEREAS, In 2022 Louisiana saw 42.6 million domestic and international visitors, generating \$17.1 billion in domestic and international spending; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, Natchitoches generated \$74million in visitor spending; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, 840 jobs and \$25 million in employment earnings were generated by visitor spending in Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, visitors contributed nearly \$8.7million in state and local tax revenues for Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, if it not for the state and local taxes paid by tourist visiting Natchitoches, each household would pay \$606 more in taxes; and

THEREFORE, I, Natchitoches Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr, does hereby proclaim May 19-25, 2024 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Natchitoches, Louisiana and urge the citizens of our great city, to join me in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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 13th day of May, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 009 OF 2024

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID CONSISTING OF FUEL FACILITY
IMPROVEMENTS, AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
NO. 3-22-0034-031-2024**

(BID NO. 0666)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.014 of 2024 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on February 26, 2024 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids consisting of Fuel Facility Improvements, Airport Improvement Program No, 3-22-0034-031-2024 (Bid No. 0666); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, February 29, March 7, and March 14, 2024 in accordance with law; and

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

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| (1) | 3 Gen Construction, LLC | |
| | Bossier City, LA | \$459,447.00 |
| (2) | Petron LLC | |
| | Alexandria, LA..... | \$524,500.00 |

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2024 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Larry Cooper, Airport Manager; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman at Large, reviewed the bid proposals consisting of Fuel Facility Improvements, Airport Improvement Program No, 3-22-0034-031-2024 (Bid No. 0666); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **3 Gen Construction, LLC** in the amount of **\$459,447.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on April 22, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on April 27, 2024.

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 13th day of May, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 14th day of May, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

ORDINANCE NO. <u>010</u> OF 2024								
The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:								
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023-2024 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 special funds budget be amended to reflect these additional revenues and expenditures as follows:								
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
GENERAL FUND	FUND 001 - GENERAL FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
001-5800-580-45-40	TRANSFER OUT TO EVENTS CENTER OPERATIONS	255,000	100,000	355,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	255,000	100,000	355,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				

				20 24				
UTILITY FUND	FUND 002 - UTILITY FUND	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
002-0000-461-01-01	ELECTRIC SALES - PUBLIC	32,3 50,0 00	(8,00 0,000)	24 ,3 50 ,0 00				
REVENUE	TOTAL	32,3 50,0 00	(8,00 0,000)	24 ,3 50 ,0 00				
002-6300-630-33-01	ELECTRICIT Y PURCHASES - CLECO	24,0 00,0 00	(8,00 0,000)	16 ,0 00 ,0 00				
002-6300-630-33-02	ELECTRICIT Y PURCHASES - SWPA	300, 000	(100, 000)	20 0, 00 0				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	24,3 00,0 00	(8,10 0,000)	16 ,2 00 ,0 00				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 011 - HAZARD TAX	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
011-0000-419-00-00	HAZARD TAXES	1,55 0,00 0	(105, 000)	1, 44 5, 00 0				
REVENUE	TOTAL	1,55 0,00 0	(105, 000)	1, 44 5, 00 0				
011-0000-591-26-01	REPAIRS/VE HICLES	-	26,00 0	26 ,0 00				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	26,00 0	26 ,0 00				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 024 - STOP GRANT	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
024-0000-432-09-00	STATE GRANT	-	18,00 0	18 ,0 00				

REVENUE	TOTAL	-	18,000	18,000				
024-0000-591-10-50	OVERTIME	-	10,000	10,000				
024-0000-591-11-12	FICA/MEDICARE	-	500	500				
024-0000-591-11-14	WORKERS COMP	-	1,000	1,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	11,500	11,500				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 040 - EVENTS CENTER OPERATIONS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
040-0000-480-01-00	FACILITY RENT	115,000	25,000	140,000				
040-0000-480-04-00	CATERING	20,000	15,000	35,000				
040-0000-480-06-00	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	25,000	15,000	40,000				

040-0000-480-11-00	BOOTH SALES	500	2,500	3, 00 0				
040-0000-491-01-00	TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND	255, 000	100,0 00	35 5, 00 0				
REVENUE	TOTAL	415, 500	157,5 00	43 3, 00 0				
040-0000-591-10-02	SALARIES/N ON-ADMIN	26,4 36	88,06 4	11 4, 50 0				
040-0000-591-10-50	OVERTIME	1,00 3	9,497	10 ,5 00				
040-0000-591-11-01	MUNICIPAL RETIREMEN T	7,79 9	43,20 1	51 ,0 00				
040-0000-591-11-12	FICA/MEDIC ARE	381	4,619	5, 00 0				
040-0000-591-35-60	RENTALS/E QUIPMENT	1,10 0	9,400	10 ,5 00				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	36,7 19	154,7 81	19 1, 50 0				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 058 - 911 GRANT - FIRE	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud				

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058-0000-591-26-03	REPAIRS/BU ILDINGS & GROUNDS	-	8,000	8, 00 0				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	0	8,000	8, 00 0				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 061 - AIRPORT OPERATIO NS	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
061-0000-432-04-00	STATE GRANT	-	19,00 0	19 ,0 00				
061-0000-470-01-02	JET-A	397, 000	80,00 0	47 7, 00 0				
REVENUE	TOTAL	397, 000	99,00 0	49 6, 00 0				
061-0000-591-20-07	INSURANCE /LIABILITY/ PREMIUM	7,62 0	3,570	11 ,1 90				
061-0000-591-31-02	JET-A	175, 000	125,0 00	30 0, 00 0				
061-0000-591-35-16	PROMO/IMP ROVEMENT	1,00 0	4,000	5, 00 0				

061-0000-591-35-44	CREDIT CARD FEES	7,000	7,000	14,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	190,620	139,570	330,190				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 062 - ANIMAL SHELTER	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
062-0000-443-00-00	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - ANIMAL SHELTER	12,000	6,000	18,000				
REVENUE	TOTAL	12,000	6,000	18,000				
062-0000-591-26-10	REPAIRS/RADIO EQUIPMENT	-	5,250	5,250				
062-0000-591-90-03	CAPITAL ASSETS/VEHICLE	-	14,675	14,675				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	19,925	19,925				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 064 - NW LAW ENFORCE PLAN AGENCY	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
064-0000-432-09-00	STATE GRANT	-	4,600	4, 60 0				
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	4,600	4, 60 0				
064-0000-591-40-02	TRAVEL/PE R DIEM/HOTE L	3,50 0	6,740	10 ,2 40				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	3,50 0	6,740	10 ,2 40				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 070 - SALES TAX REDEDICA TION	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
070-0000-591-20-03	ENGINEERI NG SERVICES	195, 000	205,0 00	40 0, 00 0				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	195, 000	205,0 00	40 0, 00 0				

		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 072 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STREETS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
072-0000-591-20-04	CONSULTANTS	-	250,000	250,000				
072-0000-591-92-20	CAPITAL PROJECT/21-22 PHASE I STREET REHAB	-	30,000	30,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	0	280,000	280,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 073 - UTILITY IMPROVEMENT/CLECO	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
073-0000-481-02-00	CLECO CREDITS	550,000	(550,000)	-				
REVENUE	TOTAL	550,000	(550,000)	-				

		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 074 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES TAX	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
074-0000-591-40-05	ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	160,000	90,000	250,000				
074-0000-591-92-94	CAPITAL PROJECT - KEYSER AVE LIFT STATION	-	605,000	605,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	160,000	695,000	855,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 104 - MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
104-0000-591-10-50	OVERTIME	3,000	42,000	45,000				

104-0000-591-35-36	INFORMANT FEES	7,000	5,000	12,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	10,000	47,000	57,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 122 - LCDBG POWHATE N WATER	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
122-0000-432-09-00	STATE GRANT	-	750,000	750,000				
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	750,000	750,000				
122-0000-591-20-03	ENGINEERING SERVICES	-	17,000	17,000				
122-0000-591-20-04	CONSULTANTS	-	8,000	8,000				
122-0000-591-92-28	CAPITAL PROJECT/WATER DISTRICT PROJECT	-	400,000	400,000				

EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	425,000	425,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 140 - AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
140-0000-433-03-00	AIRPORT GRANT	100,000	1,100,000	1,200,000				
REVENUE	TOTAL	100,000	1,100,000	1,200,000				
140-0000-591-92-16	RW 7/25 - BI - RECONS/CONSTR	-	25,500	25,500				
140-0000-591-92-17	AG RAMP/WASH RACK	-	305,000	305,000				
140-0000-591-92-23	RW 17/35 TAXIWAYS	-	7,000	7,000				
140-0000-591-92-25	REHAB AIRFIELD DRAINAGE	-	5,000	5,000				

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140-0000-591-92-32	DRAINAGE IMPROVEM ENTS PHASE IV	-	5,000	5, 00 0				
140-0000-591-92-38	RW 17-35, T&A REHAB	-	1,162 ,520	1, 16 2, 52 0				
140-0000-591-92-44	FUEL FACILITY	-	35,00 0	35 ,0 00				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	1,545 ,020	1, 54 5, 02 0				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 164 - SALES TAX DISTRICT E	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
164-0000-414-04-00	SALES TAX TIF E	-	91,30 0	91 ,3 00				
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	91,30 0	91 ,3 00				
164-0000-591-35-87	RIVER SOUTH COMMONS	-	91,30 0	91				

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EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	91,300	91,300				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 172 - ECONOMIC DEV DISTRICT - TIF C	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
172-0000-410-01-03	TIF C	250,000	60,000	310,000				
REVENUE	TOTAL	250,000	60,000	310,000				
172-0000-591-92-31	CONTROL OF ACCESS FENCE	-	3,500	3,500				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	3,500	3,500				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 182- AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				

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182-0000-591-10-09	PARTTIME	-	600	600				
182-0000-591-10-50	OVERTIME	-	9,400	9,400				
182-0000-591-11-12	FICA/MEDICARE	-	100	100				
182-0000-591-11-14	WORKERS COMP	-	250	250				
182-0000-591-26-03	REPAIRS/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	-	90,000	90,000				
182-0000-591-50-02	INTEREST	-	53,000	53,000				
182-0000-591-90-51	IMPROVEMENTS/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	-	200,000	200,000				
182-0000-591-92-29	FAÇADE GRANT	-	2,500	2,500				
182-0000-591-92-30	POLICE CRIME PREVENTION	-	140,000	140,000				
182-0000-591-92-40	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	-	500,000	500,000				
182-0000-591-92-41	STREET IMPROVEMENTS	-	30,000	30,000				

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182-0000-591-92-42	FAUNA	-	5,000	5, 00 0				
182-0000-591-92-43	REHAB OF STORM DRAIN	-	37,00 0	37 ,0 00				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	1,067 ,850	1, 06 7, 85 0				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 184 - WATER BOND FEE 2023	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
184-0000-432-00-00	STATE GRANT	-	177,0 00	17 7, 00 0				
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	177,0 00	17 7, 00 0				
184-0000-591-50-06	ISSUANCE COSTS	-	174,0 00	17 4, 00 0				

EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	174,000	174,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 311 - EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
311-0000-482-00-00	INTEREST	500	22,500	23,000				
311-0000-483-00-00	INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	736,000	736,000				
311-0000-484-05-00	DRUG REBATES	60,000	50,500	110,500				
REVENUE	TOTAL	60,500	809,000	869,500				
311-0000-591-40-09	INSURANCE CLAIMS	2,250,000	1,250,000	3,500,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	2,25	1,250,000	3,50				

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		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 312 - WORKERS COMP FUND	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
312-0000-591-20-02	ATTORNEY S	35,0 00	65,00 0	10 0, 00 0				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	35,0 00	65,00 0	10 0, 00 0				
		202 3- 202 4	2023- 2024	20 23 - 20 24				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 313 - POLICE BOND	Ori gina l Bud get	Adju stme nts	R ev ise d B ud ge t				
313-0000-481-00-00	MISCELLAN EOUS INCOME	300, 000	(200, 000)	10 0, 00 0				

REVENUE	TOTAL	300,000	(200,000)	100,000				
313-0000-591-35-09	OPERATING SERVICES/ MARSHALL'S OFFICE	-	200,000	200,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	200,000	200,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 314 - LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
314-0000-433-07-00	FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS	-	130,000	130,000				
314-0000-482-00-00	INTEREST	500	35,500	40,000				
314-0000-483-00-00	INSURANCE RECOVERY	25,000	142,000	167,000				
REVENUE	TOTAL	25,500	307,500	337,000				

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314-0000-591-20-02	ATTORNEY S	120,000	80,000	200,000				
314-0000-591-20-07	INSURANCE /LIABILITY/ PREMIUM	500,000	40,000	540,000				
314-0000-591-20-08	INSURANCE /PROPERTY/ PREMIUM	210,000	30,000	240,000				
EXPENSES	TOTAL	830,000	150,000	980,000				
		2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024				
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 315 - GARBAGE FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget				
315-0000-591-20-22	GARBAGE SERVICES	1,950,000	250,000	2,200,000				
315-0000-591-30-13	BUILDING & GROUND MAINTENANCE	10,000	10,000	20,000				

EXPENSES	TOTAL	1,960,000	260,000	2,220,000				
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on April 22, 2024 and published in the <i>Natchitoches Times</i> on April 27, 2024.								
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 13th day of 2024.								

Ronnie Williams, Jr., MAYOR								
Betty Smith, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE								

ORDINANCE NO. 011 OF 2024

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 1)**

(BID NO. 0667)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.011 of 2024 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on February 12, 2024 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Water Treatment Facility Improvements (Phase 1) (Bid No. 0667); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, February 15, February 22, and February 29, 2024 in accordance with law; and

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

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| (3) | Lemoine Company, LLC
Lafayette, LA | \$9,217,000.00 |
| (4) | Dixie Overland Construction, LLC
Sibley, LA..... | \$9,490,000.00 |

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2024 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Director of Utilities; and Christopher Petite, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for Water Treatment Facility Improvements (Phase 1) Bid No. 0667; and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Lemoine Company, LLC** in the amount of **\$9,217,000.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 13, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 18, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 012 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT AND INDEMNIFICATION, DEFENSE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH THE CANE RIVER WATERWAY DISTRICT AND THE CANE RIVER NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS ON THE MILLSTREET DISTRICT RIVERBANK, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) and the Cane River Waterway District (sometimes hereinafter “District”) are mutually desirous of improving developing and promoting Cane River Lake for recreation and tourism; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and the District have agreed to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (a copy of which is attached) to jointly meet their mutual goals and intentions, under authority of law, including the authority set forth under the provisions of Article 6, Section 20 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution which specifically authorizes an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of performing any power and function including financing a duly authorized project; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches desires to develop and improve the riverbank adjacent to the Mill Street District which is located on the right descending bank of Cane River Lake between Mill Street and Cane River Lake; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has developed a plan for the improvement and development of the riverbank adjacent to the Mill Street District which is located on the right

descending bank of Cane River Lake between Mill Street and Cane River Lake (sometimes hereinafter “Project”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and the District are mutually desirous of developing and improving the Mill Street riverbank in order to provide increased access to Cane River lake and to the Mill Street District, to increase recreational opportunities for the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and developing and promoting Cane River Lake for tourism; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has requested that the District assist the City and the Project Manager, Cane River National Heritage Area, with the Project through funding the cost of plans and construction cost of the Project; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the District is of the opinion that the project is of significance to Cane River Lake due to the resulting increase in recreational use of the Lake, access to the Lake and the resulting draw for tourism to and on Cane River Lake; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, both the City and the District are of the opinion that the Project will draw attention to and encourage the use of Cane River Lake, and provide opportunities to share the history of the Lake and the people who have lived on its shores; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, being of the opinion that its participation in the Project will benefit Cane River Lake and the public who utilize Cane River Lake, the District has agreed to contribute up to the sum of \$573,000.00 towards the cost of the overall Project; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the District will make payments to the CRNHA as draws are requested and approved by the CRNHA, the City, the District and the Project Engineer in accordance with the terms of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the District also desires to limit its liability for maintenance of all improvements constructed and also limit its liability for any damages or injuries associated with the Project or the facilities constructed as a part of the Project, to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, as consideration for the contribution by the District to the cost of the Project, the City has agreed to maintain the improvements and riverbank and to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the District for any damages or injuries which may arise during construction, and/or the use and operation of the facilities improved or constructed as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, as additional consideration, the City agrees to maintain ownership of the property upon which the improvements are made and keep the property open to the public for recreational use; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City, the CRNHA and the District have drafted a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement which includes the terms contemplated herein, and which are approved by the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, to this end the City Council of the City of Natchitoches hereby expresses its approval of the Project, approves the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, and desires to authorize the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the City; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in legal session convened the City Council of the City of Natchitoches does hereby approve the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Cane River National Heritage Area and the Cane River Waterway District, further authorizes the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement on behalf of the

City, and further authorize the Mayor to sign any and all other documents that may be necessary and proper in the premises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that 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 of the City of Natchitoches that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 13, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 18, 2024.

The following entitled Bond Ordinance, having been previously introduced on May 13, 2024, notice of introduction having been published in the City's official journal on May 18, 2024, and a public hearing held thereon on May 28, 2024, was offered for final adoption by _____ and seconded by _____:

FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE

NO. 013 OF 2024

A FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA, OF ITS, TAXABLE UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024, IN AN AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,700,000) PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; ENTERING INTO CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; SELLING SAID BONDS TO THE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AND PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO SAID DEPARTMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana (the "**City**" or "**Issuer**") now owns and operates a combined: (i) waterworks plant and distribution system (the "**Water System**"); (ii) sewer collection and treatment system (the "**Sewer System**"); and (iii) electric generation and distribution system (the "**Electric System**," and together with the Water System and, Sewer System, the "**System**"), as a revenue-producing work of public improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City has applied for a loan from the Louisiana Department of Health ("**Department**") Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (the "**DWRLF**") to provide funding to complete inventory of lead service lines of the Water System including, but not limited to, mains, meters, valves, hydrants, erosion control and related work (the "**Project**"); and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to issue Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,110,000) Taxable Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (the "**Bonds**"), for the purposes of: (i) the Project, and (iii) paying the Cost of Issuance of the Bonds. 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 General Bond Ordinance hereinafter defined) after payment of the reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System (the "**Net Revenues of the System**"), in the manner prescribed by and under the authority of La. R.S. 40:2821, *et seq.*, as amended (the "**Act**"), and other constitutional and statutory authority, as amended; 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 Bonds will be issued on a *pari passu* basis with the City's outstanding: (i) Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$3,615,000; (ii) Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2022, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$935,000; and (iii) Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2023, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$11,645,000 (collectively, the "**Outstanding Parity Bonds**"); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt this Series Ordinance (the "**Fifth Supplemental Bond Ordinance**" and, together with the General 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 Department in accordance with Article IX of the General Bond Ordinance, to authorize the issuance of the Bonds to authorize the execution and delivery of all 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 Fifth Supplemental Bond Ordinance which are defined in the General Bond Ordinance shall, for all purposes of this Fifth Supplemental Bond Ordinance, have the respective meanings given to them in the General Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Authorization and Sale of Bonds. Pursuant to the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority, the City is hereby authorized to incur debt for the purposes of: (i) financing the Project; and (ii) paying the costs related to the issuance of the Bonds. To represent said indebtedness, the City shall issue the Bonds in the form of a single fully registered bond representing the full amount of the indebtedness, dated the date of delivery thereof and numbered R-1 (hereinafter, the "Bonds"). The Bond shall be non-interest bearing and shall mature not later than five (5) years from date thereof. The principal of the Bond will be subject to forgiveness as provided in Section 3 below.

Pursuant to the Act and related statutory authority, the City has determined to sell the Bond at a private sale without the necessity of publishing any notice of sale. Accordingly, the Bond is hereby sold to the Department. The purchase price of the Bond shall be paid to the City by the Department in installments on an "as-needed" basis, and the date and amount of each installment of the purchase price shall be noted on the Bond and the obligation of the City to repay the principal of the Bond shall only accrue to the extent of the purchase price of the Bond theretofore paid by the Department and not forgiven.

Form and Execution of Bond. The Bond shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**, and the Mayor and Clerk of the City are authorized and directed on behalf of the City to execute and deliver the Bond to the Department.

Security for Bond; Principal Forgiveness. The Bond shall be a limited and special revenue bond of the City, secured by and payable in principal, interest and redemption premium, if any, solely by and from the Net Revenues of the System. The Bonds shall not be a charge on the other income and revenues of the City, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 37 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, nor shall they constitute and indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the City.

However, it is understood that the terms of the purchase of the Bond by the Department provide that the City's obligation to repay the principal of the Bond will be forgiven simultaneously with the payment by the Department of each installment of the purchase price of the Bond. Accordingly, it is anticipated that no payments of principal, interest or administrative fees to the Department will ever be due and payable on the Bonds. Notwithstanding any law or contractual provision to the contrary, the forgiveness at any time of any or all of the principal of the Bond theretofore advanced by the Department shall in no way extinguish the Bond or the obligation thereof with respect to the yet-to-be advanced portion of the principal thereof.

SECTION 5. Recital of Regularity. This Governing Authority, having investigated the regularity of the proceedings had in connection with the Bond, and having determined the same to be in due and regular form, the Bond shall contain the following recital:

"It is certified that this indebtedness is authorized by and is issued in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution and statutes of Louisiana."

SECTION 6. Loan Documents. The Commitment Agreement and the Loan & Pledge Agreement, in substantially the forms presented at this meeting, are hereby approved, and the Mayor and Clerk of the City are authorized to execute and deliver the aforesaid documents on behalf of the City, with such changes as may be deemed necessary or

advisable, upon the advice of counsel. The provisions of the Commitment Agreement and the Loan & Pledge Agreement, as executed, shall be a part of and fully incorporated into the contract between the City and the Department created by the Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Authorization of Officers. The Mayor and Clerk of the City are hereby further authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City, to accept, receive, execute, attest and deliver any and all such additional documents, certificates and other instruments as are required in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bond and to take such further action as may be appropriate or required by law or recommended by bond counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bond.

SECTION 8. Publication; Peremption. A copy of this Bond Ordinance shall be published immediately after its adoption in one issue of the official journal of the City, provided that the exhibits to this ordinance need not be published but will instead be available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours on weekdays.

For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such publication any person in interest shall have the right to contest the legality of this ordinance or of the Bond and the provisions securing the Bond. After the expiration of said thirty (30) days, no one shall have any right of action to contest the validity of the Bond or the provisions of this ordinance, and the Bond shall be conclusively presumed to be legal, and no court shall thereafter have authority to inquire into such matters.

SECTION 9. No Recourse on the Bond. No recourse shall be had for the payment of the Bond or for any claim based thereon or on this ordinance against any member of the Governing Authority or officer of the City or any person executing the Bond.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately in accordance with law.

This Bond Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote resulted as follows:

YAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

WHEREUPON, this Bond Ordinance was declared to be adopted by the Governing Authority on this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Stacy McQueary, City Clerk

Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor

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

RESOLUTION NO. 033 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TERMS OF A LEASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA 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 a resolution/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, the Housing Authority of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana (the “Housing Authority”) is the owner of certain real property (the “Property”) which the City has leased from the Authority pursuant to an agreement entered into on April 8, 2004 (the “2004 Lease”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the 2004 Lease has expired as of March 31, 2024; and

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the term of this lease is for a period of Ten years, commencing on the 1st day of April, 2024, and continuing until the 31st day of March, 2034; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the defined terms in the recitals of this resolution (the “Resolution”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 RESOLVED, 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 RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption; and

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

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

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 13th day of May, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 034 OF 2023

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND MARTIN METAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC
LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS PROJECT - PROFESSOR F.M. RICHARDSON
PARK IMPROVEMENTS**

(BID NO. 0664)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to Martin Metal Construction, LLC (CONTRACTOR) on January 8, 2024 by Ordinance No. 074 of 2023 in the amount of **\$571,774.00** for Love Louisiana Outdoors Project - Professor F.M. Richardson Park Improvements (Bid No. 0664); and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2024 CONTRACTOR issued Change Order No. 1, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **increased** by this **Change Order No. 1** in the amount of **\$33,650.10** and the revised contract total will be **\$605,424.10**; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Randal Smoak, has recommended this change order; and

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

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

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 13th day of May, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, May 28, 2024.**
- The offices of the City of Natchitoches will be **closed** on **Monday, May 27, 2024** for Memorial Day.
- The regularly scheduled City Council Meeting for **Monday, May 27, 2024** has been **re-scheduled** to **Tuesday, May 28, 2024** due to Memorial Day.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams, Jr., made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

_____/s/_____
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

_____/s/_____
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE