

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 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, June 24, 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 Councilwoman At Large Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the June 10, 2024 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Harrington.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 015 OF 2024

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

To rezone the following: Lot Containing 6.3 ACRES BEING TRACT “B” OF DIVISION OF LANDS IN SECTION 72, 73, 74, 87, 105, 110 & 133 TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST AS SHOWN ON PLAT IN # 135765

(8158 HWY 1 BYPASS)

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **June 4, 2024** that the application of Rachel LeBlanc, President of Friends All United Natchitoches Animals (FAUNA) to rezone the property described above from R-1 Residential to B-3 Commercial to build and operate an animal shelter, be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 10, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 15, 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 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of June, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NUMBER 016 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT SECTION 8-1 OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SAID AMENDMENT BEING MADE TO REFLECT CURRENT BUILDING CODES, AS THE OFFICIAL BUILDING CODES OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches provides buildings and building regulations in Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Code of Ordinances currently provides for and adopts the various model codes as part of the official building code for the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Director of Planning and Zoning has recommended that the City of Natchitoches update Section 8.1 of the Code of Ordinances to reflect the most recent versions of the various model codes; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Director of Planning and Zoning has proposed that Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches be amended to provide for the adoption of the most recent versions of the various model codes, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed change and agrees that the amendment to Section 8.1 of the Code of Ordinances is in the best interest of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, desires to amend and reenact Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, to provide for the adoption of the most recent model codes as proposed by the Director of Planning and Zoning; and

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

SECTION 1. Section 8-1 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Natchitoches is hereby

amended and reenacted to amend subsection 8.1 which shall read as follows:

“Section 8-1 Codes ---- Adopted.

There is hereby adopted by the city, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to such buildings or structures, excluding farm structures and recreational camps, including permits and penalties, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code, together with all subsequent amendments, thereto, of which not less than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the building inspector for the City of Natchitoches. Such code is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set forth at length herein and the provisions therein shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the city, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified, or amended, or not otherwise regulated in this Code of Ordinances. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code shall consist of the following:

(1)International Building Code, 2021 Edition, not including:

- a. Chapter 1, Administration.
- b. Chapter 11, Accessibility.
- c. Chapter 27, Electrical.
- d. Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems.

The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulations of construction within this state.

(2)International Existing Building Code, 2021 Edition, not including:

- a. Chapter 1, Administration.

The standards referenced in that code for regulations of construction within this state.

(3)International Residential Code, 2021 Edition, not including:

- a. Part 1, Administrative.
- b. Part V, Mechanical.
- c. Part VII, Plumbing.
- d. Part VIII, Electrical.

The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state.

e. Appendix J. Existing Buildings and Structures, is also included for mandatory regulation. For the purposes of this Part, IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code, 2006 Edition:

1. Amendment of R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria)
2. Item 6, The American Concrete Institute, Guide to Concrete Masonry Residential Construction in High Winds Areas, shall be added.
3. Item 7, Institute for Business & Home Safety, Optional Code - plus Fortified for Safer Living, shall be added.
4. Item 8, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Optional Code - plus Blueprint for Safety, shall be added.

(4) International Mechanical Code, 2021 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

(5) The Louisiana State Plumbing Code (Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state sanitary code) as amended by the state health officer acting through the office of public health of the department of health and hospitals. Nothing in this part shall be construed so as to prevent the state health officer from enforcing Part XIV (Plumbing) of the state sanitary code, the enforcement of which is his statutory and regulatory responsibility.

(6)International Fuel Gas Code, 2021 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

(7) National Electrical Code, 2021 Edition.

(8) International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition.

(9) National Electrical Safety Code (Power Lines) 2023

(10) Louisiana Public Health Sanitary Code (Water and Sewer Systems)”

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional in any manner, the invalidity shall be limited to that particular section or provision, and shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain valid and enforceable, it being the intention of the City Council that each separate provision shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon publication and in accordance with law.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on June 10, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on June 15, 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 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 25th day of June, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the June 24, 2024 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 017 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NATCHITOCHES COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOUNDATION D/B/A NATCHITOCHES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (NEDA), WHICH SAID MEMORANDUM PROVIDES FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE NATCHITOCHES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE., PROVIDING FOR A ONE YEAR TERM, PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

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

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, and further authorized under Section 1.07 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to enter into Joint Service Agreements or Cooperative Efforts with other governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Development Alliance”) is a Louisiana not for profit corporation and has been designated as a 501C-3 entity by the IRS; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the city and the Development Alliance both have an interest in promoting economic growth, commerce and tourism in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Development Alliance is strategically positioned to support the city in its efforts to grow its tax base by aligning resources and tools to foster an expanding and growing business and industrial sector, and the city desires to assist the Development Alliance in its goal to become the voice of economic development for Natchitoches Parish; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Development Alliance is in need of funds to move forward in its plan to promote economic development in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, and the City desires to provide funds in exchange for the services to be provided by Development Alliance; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Development Alliance has presented a Memorandum of Understanding between City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance (sometimes hereinafter “Agreement”) a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the terms of the Agreement, the Development Alliance will provide to following services to the City:

- 1) Maintain updated, professional, and useful economic development website for one-stop information
- 2) Be the lead contact for economic development request for proposals and information
- 3) Lead the evaluation and development of business and industrial sites
- 4) Serve as local liaison for business retention and expansion visits in conjunction with LED and NLEP
- 5) Provide expertise, experience, and leadership for special projects and initiatives of the administration

WHEREAS FURTHER, in exchange for the above services the City agrees to the following pay schedule:

- 1) \$45,000 for FY June 2024 by May 2025

WHEREAS FURTHER, the term of this Agreement is one (1) years; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Agreement further provides that either party may terminate the Agreement with written notice within 60 days of the date of execution of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed Agreement, attached hereto, and is of the opinion that the Agreement with the Development Alliance will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana and the City Council desires to authorize the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches to execute same; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to enter into this Agreement to help encourage and promote economic development in the City and Parish of Natchitoches; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT 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 Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance, and in the event that the Mayor determines that the agreement should be terminated at the end of the any one year term, the Mayor is further authorized to provide the required notice to terminate the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Economic Development Alliance, attached hereto, are approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on _____ and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on _____.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the June 24, 2024 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 018 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ("CITY") AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF ACADIANA, (" BGC"), WHEREBY BGC WILL OPERATE WITHIN THE BEN JOHNSON AUDITORIUM PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, PROVIDING FOR FUNDING FROM THE CITY FOR BGC PROGRAMMING, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana, Inc., (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Club") is a Louisiana non-profit corporation that proposes to provide activities and education opportunities to the youth of Natchitoches in five areas: character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, and sports fitness and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Club has proposed to provide the above activities with the goal of enhancing the development of youth by instilling a sense of competence, a sense of usefulness, a sense of belonging, and a sense of power or influence; and

WHEREAS, the Club intends to provide activities at the Ben Johnson Auditorium, located at 400 MLK Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that the activities offered by the Club for youth will be beneficial to the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, the **CITY** has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City, including the right to provide for recreation and activities; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in, and is empowered to promote recreation and activities of young people through wholesome activities through the Club, which may be contracted for, and the City is particularly desirous of cooperating with the private sector in organizing and running activities for the youth of the City and area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches takes cognizance of the fact that the Club has proposed an excellent program of activities for the youth of our City, which programs will benefit many young people and could not be duplicated for the money by public funds, and further takes cognizance of the fact that the City is interested in promoting wholesome activities which promote the general health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the City of Natchitoches; and the City further being desirous to cooperate with the private sector in organizing and running activities for the youth of our City, and for this consideration and other considerations all of which is more fully set forth in the attached Exhibit "A" attached to the memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches and the Club have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding for a three-year period with annual contribution from the City to the Club of \$25,000.00 as consideration for the programs and activities for the youth of the City; and

WHEREAS, it shall be a condition of the Memorandum of Understanding and a part of the consideration that the Club will segregate the funds provided by the City and the Club agrees to use the funding provided by the City at the Ben Johnson Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, it shall be a further condition of the Memorandum of Understanding and a part of the consideration that the Club will offer an all-day summer program and after-school program as set forth in the attached Memorandum of Understanding; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Memorandum of Understanding for services, attached hereto, wherein the Club will provide programs and activities for the youth of the City and specifically those services detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding, and as consideration for this contract and the services rendered by the Club, the City of Natchitoches agrees to pay to the Club, the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$25,000.00) Dollars, per year for three years is hereby approved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Natchitoches and the Boys & Girls Club of Acadiana.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 050 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT
BIDS FOR A BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES
UTILITY DEPARTMENT**

BID NO. 0668

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for public bids for a bucket truck for the City of Natchitoches Utility Department (Bid No. 0668)

WHEREAS, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457 or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the Bucket Truck until 2:00 pm on **Tuesday, July 30, 2024** at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

WHEREAS, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the location and time herein above; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of proposals, the committee members consisting of Clarissa Brown-Smith, Director of Finance; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman; are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

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

AYES:	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 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 051 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND AMERISEAL OF OHIO, INC., TO
REHABILITATE RUNWAY 17-35, TAXIWAY, AND APRON AT THE
NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT
AIP NO. 3-22-0034-030-2023**

(BID NO. 0658)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to **Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc.**, (CONTRACTOR) by **Ordinance No. 033 of 2023** in the amount of \$1,093,865.00 to rehabilitate runway 17-35, taxiway, and apron at the Natchitoches Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2024 CONTRACTOR issued **Change Order No. One** fully described in attached Exhibit C.O. - One; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be increased by this Change Order No. One in the amount of **\$10,000.00** and the revised contract total will be **\$1,103,865.00**; and

WHEREAS, the contract time will be increase by this Change Order No. One in the amount of 192 calendar days and the revised contract time will be 217 calendar days; and

WHEREAS, the project engineer, Jonathan Farmer of KSA Engineers, Inc. has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the City is of the opinion that Change Order No. One 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. One to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Contractor.

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 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 052 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND AMERISEAL OF OHIO, INC., TO REHABILITATE RUNWAY 17-35, TAXIWAY, AND APRON AT THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT
AIP NO. 3-22-0034-030-2023
(BID NO. 0658)**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has contracted with Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc., to rehabilitate runway 17-35, Taxiway, and apron at Natchitoches Regional Airport (Bid No. 0658); and

WHEREAS, this work has been completed; and

WHEREAS, a substantial completion inspection has been performed by KSA Engineer, Jonathan Farmer and a representative of the City of Natchitoches, and they find the project to be complete.

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 Certificate of Substantial Completion for Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc.

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 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 053 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO
A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING MOWING AND LITTER
PICKUP, WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-R.S. 48:193, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Office of Engineering, is directed to repair and to keep in operating condition, at its sole cost and expense, all municipal roads or streets within the State Highway System as it is defined in LSA-R.S. 48:191, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “State Highway System” or “State Roadway”; and

WHEREAS, further LSA-R.S. 48:193 authorizes municipalities to request that the repair and maintenance of said State Roadways located within a respective municipality be performed by the municipality, at the State’s expense; and

WHEREAS, DOTD lacks sufficient personnel and equipment to perform mowing and litter collection on a routine and continuing basis and wishes to enter into an agreement with the City of Natchitoches to perform maintenance directly related to mowing and litter collection on the State Roadways within the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, this agreement applies only to the roads and streets identified on the DOTD’s List of Routes for Maintenance Agreement which shall include all rights-of-ways and roadway shoulders associated with the State Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches shall be reimbursed by DOTD the amount of \$875.00 per cycle, per mile for Interstate Roadways; \$500.00 per cycle, per mile for divided State Roadways; and \$250.00 per cycle per mile for undivided State Roadways; and

WHEREAS, the total mileage to be maintained by the City of Natchitoches pursuant to this Agreement and for which the City is entitled to reimbursement by DOTD is 24.88 miles, of which 0.0 miles are Interstate Roadways; 4.40 miles are divided State Roadways; and 20.48 are undivided State Roadways, for the total maximum amount for which the City may claim reimbursement is \$29,280.00; and

WHEREAS, The Agreement for said maintenance shall begin **July 1, 2024** and end **June 30, 2025**, unless Agreement is earlier terminated as conditioned by the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Natchitoches City Council, in legal session convened, does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a Maintenance Agreement, Including Mowing and Litter Pickup, with the State of Department of Transportation and Development.

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 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 054 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND DIXIE OVERLAND CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION, GRAND ECORE AND MILL STREET LIFT STATIONS, LDEQ-CWSRF (BID NO. 0646)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to Dixie Overland Construction, LLC, (CONTRACTOR) on November 28, 2022 by Ordinance No. 074 of 2022 in the amount of \$497,485.00 for the Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation, Grand Ecore and Mill Street Lift Station (Bid No. 0646); and

WHEREAS, on **December 12, 2022**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 1**, in the amount of **\$21,392.00** making the revised contract total **\$518,877.00**; and

WHEREAS, on **January 22, 2024**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 2**, in the amount of **\$46,351.00** making the revised contract total **\$565,228.00**; and

WHEREAS, on **June 20, 2024**, ENGINEER issued **Change Order No. 3**, more fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **increase** by this **Change Order No. 3** in the amount of **\$224,772.00** and the revised contract total will be **\$790,000.00**; and

WHEREAS, the contract time will be **increased** by this **Change Order No. 3** from **215 calendar days** to a revised total of **290 calendar days**; and

WHEREAS, the project engineer, Henry Shuler of Shuler Consulting Company, has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 3 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. 3 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the Contractor, Dixie Overland 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 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 055 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
CONTRACT WITH CADENCE INSURANCE
FOR THE EUCLID CASUALTY PACKAGE INSURANCE RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JUNE
30, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee has reviewed the proposals submitted for the General Liability, Employee Benefit Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Entity Management Liability, Public Entity Employment-Related Practices Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, Umbrella and Crime Insurance for the City of Natchitoches and recommends the contract in the amount of \$495,036.79 be awarded to Cadence Insurance, for the period June 30, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 24th day of June, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, July 8, 2024**.
- The City of Natchitoches will be **CLOSED** on **Thursday, July 4, 2024**, in honor of Independence Day.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

_____/s/
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

_____/s/
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE