

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 Tuesday, November 12, 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: Karen Terrell, 2024 Christmas Festival Poster

Absent: None

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

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the October 28, 2024 meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Petite.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 100 OF 2024

PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 30, 2024 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

Whereas, the government of Natchitoches, Louisiana, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are 34.7 million small businesses in the United States: small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 61.1% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 45.9% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

Whereas, 68 cents of every dollar spent at a small business in the United States stays in the local community and every dollar spent at small businesses creates an additional 48 cents in local business activity as a result of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services; and

Whereas, 59% of U.S. consumers aware of Small Business Saturday shopped or ate at a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant on Small Business Saturday 2023; and

Whereas, Natchitoches, Louisiana supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and

Whereas, advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations, across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of Natchitoches, Louisiana do hereby proclaim, November 30, 2024, as

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.
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 12th day of November, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 030 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR REHABILITATION OF EXISTING CLEARWELL AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

(BID NO. 0669)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.072 of 2024 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on August 12, 2024 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids Rehabilitation of Existing Clearwell at the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0669); and

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

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

- (1) Utility Service Co. Inc.
 Perry, GA\$1,043,100.00

- (2) Lemoine Company, LLC
 Lafayette, LA..... \$1,193,000.00

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2024 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director; and Rosemary Elie, Councilwoman, reviewed the bid proposals for Rehabilitation of Existing Clearwell at the Water Treatment Plant (Bid No. 0669); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Utility Service Co. Inc.**, in the amount of **\$1,043,100.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 28, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 2, 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 12th day of November, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of November, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 031 OF 2024

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID TO REPLACE AIRFIELD SIGNAGE AND LIGHTS AT THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT
STATE PROJECT NO. H.015676**

(BID NO. 0670)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.082 of 2024 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on September 9, 2024 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids to replace Airfield Signage and Lights at the Natchitoches Regional Airport (Bid No. 0670); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, September 12, September 19, and September 26, 2024 in accordance with law; and

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

- (3) F&W Electric Contractors, Inc.,
Floresville, TX\$425,000.00
- (4) Ernest P. Breaux Electrical, LLC
New Iberia, LA..... \$430,865.00
- (5) EMS Electric of Monroe, LLC
West Monroe, LA\$432,131.25
- (6) Wilhite Electric Co. Inc.
Bossier City, LA.....\$432,883.75

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024 the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Justin Foshee, Airport Manager, Utility Director; and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals to replace Airfield Signage and Lights at the Natchitoches Regional Airport (Bid No. 0670); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **F&W Electric Contractors, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$425,000.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on October 28, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 2, 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 12th day of November, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of November, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 032 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 DOWNTOWN EAST BANK SEAWALL, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., 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 that portion of the left descending bank (or East bank) of Cane River Lake located between an extension of St. Maurice Lane on the North and an extension of Stephens Avenue on the South, said property further being located directly across the lake from the Rue Beauport in downtown Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has developed a plan to replace the City owned seawall located on the East bank of Cane River Lake in the downtown area (replacement of the seawall sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Project”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and the District are mutually desirous of replacing the seawall in order to protect the East bank of the lake from further erosion and to prevent further siltation of Cane River Lake, provide access to Cane River lake, 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 has indicated that it 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, and the stabilization of the bank that will result from the replacement of the failing seawall; 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 \$400,000.00 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; 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 October 28, 2024 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 2, 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 12th day of November, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of November, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the November 12, 2024 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 034 OF 2024

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

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) the Red River Waterway Commission (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**Waterway Commission**”), and the Natchitoches Convention & Visitors Bureau (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**CVB**”) are desirous of hosting the KingKat Fishing Tournament to be held on the Red River on July 11-12, 2025, and has proposed that the City enter into an agreement titled Memorandum of Cooperative Endeavor between Red River Waterway Commission and City of Natchitoches and Natchitoches Convention & Visitors Bureau, a copy of which is attached hereto (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “**Agreement**”); and

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, does hereby authorize, empower, and direct the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, to execute the “**Agreement**”, between the City of Natchitoches, the **Waterway Commission** and the “**CVB**” wherein the City agrees to host the KingKat fishing tournament in Natchitoches Parish to be held July 11-12, 2025, and further agrees to those obligations set forth in the attached Agreement.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the November 12, 2024 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 035 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANTING OF A RIGHT OF PIPELINE SERVITUDE AND EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION OVER AND ACROSS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND LOCATED IN SECTION 84, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THE FORM OF THE PIPELINE SERVITUDE AND EASEMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE PIPELINE SERVITUDE AND EASEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTIZING

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the fee title owner of certain property located in Section 84, Township 9 North Range 6 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, said property being a portion of the Natchitoches Regional Airport (sometimes hereinafter “Property of the City”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Atmos Energy Corporation (sometimes hereinafter “Atmos”) has requested a right of way and easement across the property of the City for the placement of a gas pipeline in order to provide service to customers, and has presented the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter “City”) a proposed Pipeline Servitude and Easement, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the proposed right of way and easement is shown and depicted on a survey by Randy A. Denmon dated October 25, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Airport Commission has reviewed the Pipeline Servitude and Easement and has approved the form of same; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to authorize the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams, to execute the proposed Pipeline Servitude and Easement, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and to further take any other steps necessary and proper in the premises; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches finds that the servitude will allow gas service to tenants at the Natchitoches Regional Airport and will benefit the City of Natchitoches and its tenants; and

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

SECTION I: That the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, to execute the Pipeline Servitude and Easement, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and to further execute any other documents necessary to create and establish a right of way and easement across a tract of land owned by the City of Natchitoches, said tract located in Section 84, Township 9 North Range 6 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and said easement more fully shown and depicted on the survey by Denmon, attached Exhibit “B”.

SECTION II: That the Mayor, or his assignee, be and he is hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to establish the easement, servitude and right of way for passage.

SECTION III: That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby revoked.

SECTION IV: THIS ORDINANCE shall take effect after publication in accordance with law.

SECTION V: 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 effect 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 provision herein.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the November 12, 2024 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 036 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF TRUDEAU STREET, AND A PORTION OF TOULINE STREET WHICH ARE SITUATED IN SECTIONS 44 AND 48, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, CITY AND PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES, DECLARING THAT THE SAID PORTION OF TRUDEAU STREET AND THE SAID PORTION OF TOULINE STREET ARE ABANDONED AND THE DEDICATIONS REVOKED, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE, AND SAVINGS CLAUSE

WHEREAS, an application has been made to the City of Natchitoches by Watkins and Eager, PLLC, on behalf of The Natchitoches-Thomas Apartments, Inc., requesting the revocation of the dedication of a portion of a street known as Trudeau Street and a portion of a street known as Toulaine Street, but limited to the portions of Trudeau Street and Toulaine Street as shown on a survey captioned “Thomas Apartments Street Closure and Abandonments and Dedications” prepared by Matthew P. Caraway, registered professional land surveyor, (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Caraway Survey”) a copy of which is attached hereto (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Caraway Survey”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Caraway Survey depicts existing dedicated rights of way and proposed rights of way in the vicinity of property owned by the Natchitoches Thomas Apartments, which said property is bounded on the West by Howell Street on the South by the Jackson Square Cemetery, on the East by North Street or 9th Street and on the North by property of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Caraway Survey depicts areas that are proposed to be dedicated as rights of way in dark lines and labeled “herein dedicated”, and depicts rights of way to be abandoned in cross hatch and labeled “herein closed and abandoned; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has made an examination of the matter and has determined that the portion of Trudeau Street depicted in cross hatch but not in dark line, is not used by the public, has not been used by the public for many years, and is not needed by the public for any public purpose, and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has made an examination of the matter and has determined that the portion of Touline Street depicted in cross hatch but not in dark line, is not used by the public, has not been used by the public for many years, and is not needed by the public for any public purpose, and

WHEREAS FURTHER, as further clarification, those portions of Trudeau Street and Touline Street shown in both cross hatch and within dark lines are not to be included in this abandonment but will remain as dedicated rights of way; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the property will not be needed for any public purposes in the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the rights of way which will be abandoned are of no value to anyone except the adjoining property owner, and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the above described rights of way are not currently developed, are not being used for public access, and the City Council is of the opinion that above described rights of way, should be abandoned and the dedication revoked;

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

SECTION I: That the portion of Trudeau Street depicted in cross hatch but not in dark line, on the attached Caraway Survey is not used by the public, has not been used by the public for many years, and is not needed by the public for any public purpose and is hereby declared to be abandoned.

SECTION II: That the portion of Touline Street depicted in cross hatch but not in dark line, on the attached Caraway Survey is not used by the public, has not been used by the public for many years, and is not needed by the public for any public purpose and is hereby declared to be abandoned and no longer needed for public purposes whatsoever

SECTION III: That the above described portions of Trudeau Street and Touline Street are to be abandoned.

SECTION IV: The right of way associated with above described portions of Trudeau Street and Touline Street are hereby declared to be abandoned, and insofar as same may have been dedicated as a public way, said dedications are hereby declared revoked.

SECTION V: Under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 48:701, the City Council declares that the soil embracing the former right-of-way of the above described portions of the

rights of way of Trudeau Street and Toulaine Street shall, and do hereby revert to the present owners of the land contiguous thereto, in accordance with law.

SECTION VI: It is understood that this Revocation applies only to the portions of Trudeau Street and Toulain Street above described.

SECTION VII: That a copy of this Ordinance be recorded in the Conveyance Records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

SECTION VIII: That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby revoked.

SECTION IX: **THIS ORDINANCE** shall take effect after publication in accordance with law.

SECTION X: 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 effect 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 provision herein.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 098 OF 2024

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 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 13, 2024**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 1** in the amount of **\$33,650.10** making the revised contact total **\$605,424.10**; and

WHEREAS, on **July 22, 2024**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 2** in the amount of **\$10,439.40** making the revised contact total **\$615,863.50**; and

WHEREAS, on CONTRACTOR issued **Change Order No. 3**, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **increased** by this **Change Order No. 3** in the amount of **\$2,000.00** and the revised contract total will be **\$617,863.50**; and

WHEREAS, the project Engineer, Randal Smoak, 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, 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 12th day of November, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 099 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND MARTIN METAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOORS PROJECT - PROFESSOR F.M. RICHARDSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

(BID NO. 0664)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has contracted with Martin Metal Construction, LLC for Love Louisiana Outdoors Project- Professor F.M. Richardson Park Improvements, Bid No. 0664; and

WHEREAS, this work has been completed; and

WHEREAS, a substantial completion inspection has been performed by the Engineer 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 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 12th day of November, 2024.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, November 25, 2024.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

_____/s/
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

_____/s/
BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE