

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025, 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 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilwoman At Large Betty Sawyer-Smith
Councilman Christopher Petite
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

Guest: Employee Of The Month Lucas Mayeux
Natchitoches Junior High – JAG-LA Program
FAUNA (Friends All United for Natchitoches Animals)

Absent: Councilman Eddie Harrington

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 April 18, 2025 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, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Harrington
ABSTAIN:	None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 040 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 11-17, 2025 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, National Police Week 2025 is a week to recognize and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, this week is grounded in solemn remembrance but also serves as a time to support surviving family members, recognize the service of current officers, and educate the public about the dangers and responsibilities that come with wearing the badge; and

WHEREAS, it is a time to honor and remember law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Natchitoches Police Department; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1786, there are currently more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 3 members of the Natchitoches Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, 345 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 148 officers killed in 2024 and 197 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 37th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 11th-17th; and

WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2025 as

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in the City of Natchitoches and publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of May, 2025.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 015 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE HISTORIC DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INC., PROVIDING FOR AN AUTOMATIC ANNUAL RENEWAL, 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 Historic District Business Association, Inc. (sometimes hereinafter “HDBA”) is a non-profit Louisiana corporation that currently coordinates and manages several events in the Natchitoches Historic District, including the Festival of Lights celebration and the Antique Car Show; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City currently has a vacancy in its position for Main Street Director, and has determined that it will be more cost effective to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (sometimes hereinafter “CEA”) with the HDBA wherein the HDBA will manage the responsibilities of a full time Main Street Director; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the terms of the CEA, the HDBA will also undertake the following responsibilities:

- Participate on the hiring committee for the Main Street Office,
 - Provide Main Street quarterly reporting,
 - Attend Main Street quarterly meetings, and
 - Take necessary steps to retain Main Street Certification, including attendance at required meetings and providing necessary reports
- ; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the HDBA will provide the above services through its Director of Festivals and Events; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, in exchange for the services provided by the HDBA, the City has agreed that it will provide the following:

- monthly payment of \$1,000.00 to HDBA, to manage the Main Street Office,
- provide furnished office space in the old Chamber building,
- provide a salary commensurate with experience and education, together with benefits, for a full time employee,
- continue to provide current office staff for Main Street offices, to include a paid intern or

part time employee (paid hourly) to support the office, and
-reimburse expenses related to promotion of Riverbank and Beau Jardin, and maintaining Main Street certification
; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City compensated full time employee shall have as a part of their responsibilities, the following:

- Booking, logistics and working events in Beau Jardin,
 - Booking, logistics and working events on Downtown Riverbank,
 - Oversee Miss Merry Christmas Scholarship Program, and
 - Oversee Main Street events, to include Witch Way to Main Street, Summer Splash and Bloomin' on the Bricks
- ; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City compensated intern or part time employee shall have as a part of their responsibilities, the following:

- Assist with weekend events and bookings,
 - Assist with logistics for Beau Jardin and Downtown Riverbank, and
 - Assist with weekly duties as assigned
- ; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and the HDBA have agreed to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement under which the City and HDBA will each assume the above duties and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the CEA further provides for an automatic annual extension provided that neither party notifies the other, in writing, of its intention to terminate the agreement within thirty days of the renewal date of the CEA; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and has approved the terms of same; 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 is of the opinion that the CEA with the HDBA will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and will result in a monetary savings to the City; 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, is hereby authorized to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Historic District Business Association, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the terms of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, attached hereto, are approved and accepted by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

This ordinance was introduced on the 14th day of April, 2025 and published in the Natchitoches Time on April 19, 2025.

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, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Harrington,
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of May, 2025.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of May, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 016 OF 2025

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES
TO AWARD THE BID FOR FY 2023 LCDBG STREET IMPROVEMENTS
BID NO. 0671**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 101 of 2024 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on November 25, 2024, authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for FY 2023 LCDBG Street Improvements; and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 13, March 20, and March 27, 2025, in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, two bid proposals were received and opened on April 15, 2025, as follows:

(1) Regional Construction, LLC

Natchitoches, LA

..... \$1,020,511.40

(2) Apeck Construction, LLC

Anacoco, LA

.....
\$1,030,287.72

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2025, the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Donald Forest, Public Works Director; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman-at-Large; reviewed the bid proposals for FY 2023 LCDBG Street Improvements (Bid No. 0671); and

WHEREAS, the above-appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Regional Construction, LLC**, in the amount of **\$1,020,511.40**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on April 28, 2025 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 3, 2025.

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, Petite

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Harrington,

ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 12th day of May, 2025.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of May, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 017 of 2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SETTING FORTH THE ADJUSTED MILLAGE RATE(S)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Natchitoches of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in a public meeting held May 12, 2025 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY FAC/SER FIRE & POLICE</u>	<u>9.350 mills</u>
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<u>GENERAL ALIMONY</u>	<u>6.570 mills</u>
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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that cognizance is taken by the City Council that this Ordinance was introduced on the 28th day of April, 2025 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 3, 2025.

The foregoing Ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Ordinance was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Harrington

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Ordinance adopted at the meeting held on May 12, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Natchitoches, Louisiana, this 13th day of May, 2025.

Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor

Betty Smith, Mayor Pro Tempore

ORDINANCE NO. 018 of 2025

**ORDINANCE ADOPTING TO ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATES(S) NOT
EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RATE(S)**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Natchitoches of the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 12, 2025, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2025, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2025 Levy</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY FAC/SER FIRE & POLICE	<u>9.350</u> mills	<u>10.000</u> mills
GENERAL ALIMONY	<u>6.570</u> mills	<u>7.030</u> mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that cognizance is taken by the City Council that this Ordinance was introduced on the 28th day of April, 2025 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 3, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, a motion was made by Mr. Nielsen not to adopt Ordinance, not to roll forward and not adopt Ordinance 018 of 2025, seconded by Mrs. Smith.

The foregoing Ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Ordinance **FAILED** by lack of two-thirds majority votes as follows:

YEAS: None

NAYS: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Petite

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Harrington

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Ordinance adopted at the meeting held on May 12, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Natchitoches, Louisiana, this 13th day of May, 2025.

Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor

Betty Smith, Mayor Pro Tempore

ORDINANCE NO. 019 OF 2025

The following Ordinance
was Introduced by Mr.
Petite at the May 12, 2025
City Council meeting as
follows:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024-2025 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:

		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
GENERAL FUND	FUND 001 - GENERAL FUND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revis ed Budget
001-0000-481-33-00	FEMA- REIMBURSEMENT	-	216,984. 00	216,98 4.00
001-0000-481-34-00	LCDBG-HVAC	-	54,803.0 0	54,803. 00
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	271,787	271,78 7
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
GENERAL FUND	FUND 001 - GENERAL FUND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revis ed Budget

001-5800-580-45-40	TRANSFER OUT TO EVENTS CENTER OPERATIONS	255,000	50,000	305,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	255,000	50,000	305,000
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
UTILITY FUND	FUND 002 - UTILITY FUND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
002-0000-461-01-01	ELECTRIC SALES - PUBLIC	26,167,101	3,000,000	29,167,101
REVENUE	TOTAL	26,167,101	3,000,000	29,167,101
002-6300-630-33-01	ELECTRICITY PURCHASES - CLECO	19,164,000	(3,000,000)	16,164,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	19,164,000	(3,000,000)	16,164,000
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 011 - HAZARD TAX	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-

		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 024 - STOP GRANT	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
024-0000-432-09-00	STATE GRANT	-	(20,000)	(20,000)
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	(20,000)	(20,00 0)
024-0000-591-10-50	OVERTIME	\$ 26,000.0 0	\$ (20,000. 00)	\$ 6,000.0 0
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 027 - PRISONER BOND RELEASE	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
027-0000-446-17-00	PUBLIC SAFETY/2% FEE	-	27,895	27,895
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	27,895	27,895
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	35,790	61,790
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 040 - EVENTS CENTER OPERATIONS	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
040-0000-480-01-00	FACILITY RENT	115,000	45,000	160,00 0

040-0000-480-04-00	CATERING	30,000	10,000	40,000
040-0000-480-06-00	EQUIPMENT RENTALS	30,000	4,000	34,000
040-0000-480-11-00	BOOTH SALES	1,500	4,000	5,500
040-0000-491-01-00	TRANSFER IN FROM GENERAL FUND	255,000	50,000	305,000
REVENUE	TOTAL	431,500	113,000	384,500
040-0000-591-10-02	SALARIES/NON- ADMIN	28,960	75,808	104,768
040-0000-591-10-50	OVERTIME	4,500	4,500	9,000
040-0000-591-11-01	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	8,543	37,097	45,640
040-0000-591-11-12	FICA/MEDICARE	420	5,000	5,420
EXPENSES	TOTAL	42,423	122,405	164,828
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 058 - 911 GRANT - FIRE	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
EXPENSES	TOTAL	0	0	0
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 061 - AIRPORT OPERATIONS	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
061-0000-432-04-00	STATE GRANT	-		

061-0000-470-01-02	JET-A	397,000	20,000	417,000
061-0000-460-03-00	RENT & USE OF PROPERTY/AIRPORT SERVICE HANGAR	18,000	12,000	30,000
REVENUE	TOTAL	415,000	32,000	447,000
061-0000-591-11-13	BENEFIT/GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	6,522	25,000	31,522
061-0000-591-20-07	INSURANCE/LIABILITY /PREMIUM			
061-0000-591-31-02	JET-A	263,000	75,000	338,000
061-0000-591-90-02	CAPITAL ASSETS/MACHINERY & EQUIP	61,050	(15,000)	46,050
EXPENSES	TOTAL	324,050	60,000	384,050
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 062 - ANIMAL SHELTER	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revis ed Budget
062-0000-443-00-00	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - ANIMAL SHELTER	19,000	(12,000)	7,000
REVENUE	TOTAL	19,000	(12,000)	7,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-

		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 064 - NW LAW ENFORCE PLAN AGENCY	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
064-0000-591-40-02	TRAVEL/PER DIEM/HOTEL	3,500	9,400	12,900
EXPENSES	TOTAL	3,500	9,400	12,900
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 070 - SALES TAX REDEDICATION	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
070-0000-414-00-00	TAXES/SALES	2,500,00 0	200,000	2,700,0 00
REVENUE	TOTAL	2,500,00 0	200,000	2,700,0 00
070-0000-591-92-59	CAPITAL PROJECT/ELECTRICAL CHARGING STATION	0	86,639	86,639
EXPENSES	TOTAL	5,000,00 0	486,639	5,486,6 39
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 071 - CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
071-0000-432-0700	STATE/GRANT	-	57,375	57,375
071-0000-433-09-00	FEDERAL/GRANT	1,800,000	(1,800,000)	0
REVENUE	TOTAL	1,800,000	(1,742,625)	57,375

		2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 071 - CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
071-0000-5911-90-05	CAPITAL ASSETS/REAL ESTATE	110,000	(110,000)	0
071-000-591-92-56	CAPITAL PROJECT/FIRE STATION-UNIVERSITY	2,000,000	(1,920,000)	80,000
071-0000-591-92-65	CAPITAL PROJECT/SOUTH NATCH. DRAINAGE IMP	-	378,100	378,100
071-0000-591-92-70	CAPITAL PROJECT/SECOND ST & TOULINE	-	174,916	174,916
EXPENSES	TOTAL	2,110,000	(2,030,000)	80,000
		2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 071 - CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
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072-0000-433-00-00	STATE/FEDERAL	-	216,228	216,228
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REVENUE	TOTAL	0	216,228	216,228
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SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 072 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STREETS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
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072-0000-591-90-31	CAPITAL PROJECTS/STREETS	650,000	(300,000)	350,000
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EXPENSES	TOTAL	650,000	(300,000)	350,000
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SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 073 - UTILITY IMPROVEMENT/CLECO	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
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073-0000-481-02-00	CLECO CREDITS	550,000	10,699	560,699
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REVENUE	TOTAL	550,000	10,699	560,699
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SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 074 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES TAX	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
074-0000-91-00-00	TAXES/SALES	2,500,000.00	250,000.00	2,750,000
074-0000-432-00-00	STATE/STATE		\$ 50,000.00	50,000
074-0000-432-09-00	STATE/GRANT		189,259	189,259
074-0000-487-00-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME/GAIN IN ASSETS		149,590	149,590
REVENUE	TOTAL	2,500,000	638,849	3,138,849

		2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 074 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES TAX	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
074-0000-591-40-05	ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	115,000	100,000	215,000
074-0000-591-92-53	CLR WELL 2 LEAK REPAIR	337,000	706,000	1,043,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	452,000	806,000	1,258,000
		2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 104 - MULTIJURISDICTION AL TASK FORCE	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
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EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 122 - LCDBG POWHATEN WATER	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
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122-0000-432-09-00	STATE GRANT	-	546,768	546,768
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REVENUE	TOTAL	-	546,768	546,768
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122-0000-591-02-25	TRANSFER/DRINKING WATER		127,566	127,566
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122-0000-591-20-04	CONSULTANTS	-	50,000	50,000
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EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	177,566	177,566
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 140 -AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revise d Budget
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140-0000-432-04-00	STATE/AIRPORT GRANT	140,000. 00	280,000. 00	420,000
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140-0000-433-03-00	AIRPORT GRANT	1,000,000	(490,000)	510,000
REVENUE	TOTAL	1,000,000	(490,000)	510,000
140-0000-591-90-05	CAPITAL ASSETS-REAL ESTATE	260,000	(260,000)	-
140-0000-591-92-17	AG RAMP/WASH RACK	-	165,000	165,000
140-0000-591-92-38	RW 17-35, T&A REHAB	-	18,582	18,582
140-0000-591-92-47	REPLACE AWOS III P/T	200,000	(200,000)	-
140-0000-591-92-48	LED LIGHT & SIGNS 17/35	300,000	(300,000)	-
140-0000-591-92-55	REPL AIRFIELD SIGN & LIGHTING		458,607	458,607
140-0000-591-92-58	HANGAR DOOR REPLACEMENT		7,690	7,690
EXPENSES	TOTAL	760,000	(110,121)	649,879
		2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 164 - SALES TAX DISTRICT E	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget

164-0000-414-04-00	SALES TAX TIF E	65,000	25,600	90,600
REVENUE	TOTAL	65,000	25,600	90,600
164-0000-591-35-87	RIVER SOUTH COMMONS	65,000	25,600	90,600
EXPENSES	TOTAL	65,000	25,600	90,600

EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 182-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
182-0000-591-35-04	OPERATING SERVICES/DEMOLITIO N	-	52,200	90,000
182-0000-591-92-29	FAÇADE GRANT	-	17,100	17,100
182-0000-591-92-30	POLICE CRIME PREVENTION	-	39,546	140,00 0
182-0000-591-92-40	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	-	477,731	477,73 1
182-0000-591-92-42	FAUNA	-	10,000	5,000

182-0000-591-92-54	FIRE STATION GENERATOR	-	120,693	120,693
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	717,270	850,524
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 311 - EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
311-0000-483-00-00	INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	734,255	734,255
311-0000-484-03-00	CITY CONTRIBUTION- EMPLOYEE	1,500,000	1,100,000	2,600,000
311-0000-484-05-00	DRUG REBATES	80,000	50,500	130,500
REVENUE	TOTAL	1,580,000	1,884,755	3,464,755
311-0000-591-40-05	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	675,000	130,000	805,000
311-0000-591-40-09	INSURANCE CLAIMS	2,500,000	1,660,000	4,160,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	3,175,000	1,790,000	4,965,000
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 312 - WORKERS COMP FUND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
312-0000-481-00-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	400,000	185,260	585,260
312-0000-482-00-00	INTEREST	500	23,500	24,000
312-0000-483-00-00	INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	143,087	143,087
REVENUE	TOTAL	400,500	351,847	752,347
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 312 - WORKERS COMP FUND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
312-0000-591-20-02	ATTORNEYS	35,000	65,000	100,000
312-0000-591-20-07	INSURANCE/LIABILITY /PREMIUM	140,000	25000	165,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	175,000	90,000	265,000
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 313 - POLICE BOND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
313-0000-481-00-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	55,000	(50,000)	5,000

REVENUE	TOTAL	55,000	(50,000)	5,000
313-0000-591-35-09	OPERATING SERVICES/MARSHALL' S OFFICE	-	3,186	3,186
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	3,186	3,186
		2024- 2025	2024- 2025	2024- 2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 314 - LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
314-0000-591-20-02	ATTORNEYS	68,000	(60,000)	8,000
314-0000-591-20-18	INSURANCE/TPA SERVICES	20,000	23,000	43,000
314-0000-591-26-01	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE/VEHIC LES	-	1,465	1,465
314-0000-591-26-03	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE/BUILD ING & GROUNDS	10,000	12,725	22,725
314-0000-591-40-09	INSURANCE CLAIMS	80,000	53,000	133,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	178,000	30,190	208,190
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 315 - GARBAGE FUND	Original Budget	Adjustm ents	Revised Budget
315-0000-441-00-00	CHG FOR SER/GARBAGE COLLECTION	2,100,000	285,000	2,385,000

REVENUE	TOTAL	2,100,000	285,000	2,385,000
		2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 315 - GARBAGE FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
315-0000-591-20-22	GARBAGE SERVICES	1,950,000	398,000	2,348,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	1,950,000	398,000	2,348,000

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

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:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams declared the Ordinance _____ by
a vote of _____ Ayes to _____

Nays this _____ day of _____.

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

Betty

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

RESOLUTION NO. 036 OF 2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES
TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CITY OF NATCHITOCHES 2025 STREET
REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

(BID NO. 0676)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has budgeted for the 2025 Street Rehabilitation Program;
and

WHEREAS, improvements need to be made to the following street segments located in the City
of Natchitoches system:

- East Fifth Street [from Royal Street northward to the beginning of concrete pavement
near Keyser Avenue]
- Woodyard Drive [from the end of a previous overlay located approximately 0.2 mile east
of South Drive eastward to the end of concrete curb-and-gutter]
- Highland Park Drive [at the intersection of Virginia Avenue]; and

WHEREAS, construction plans and specifications have been completed by the City Engineer
for these improvements; and

WHEREAS, Bid No. 0676 has been assigned to this project, with a proposed bid date of June
17, 2025;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches City Council hereby
authorizes Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to advertise for bids for the 2025 City of Natchitoches
Street Rehabilitation Program.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of
4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of May, 2025.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 037 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. TWO TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND F&W ELECTRIC CONTRACTOR, INC., TO REPLACE AIRFIELD SIGNAGE AND LIGHTS AT THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT STATE PROJECT NO. H.015676

(BID NO. 0670)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to **F&W Electric Contractors, Inc.** (CONTRACTOR) by Ordinance No. 031 of 2024 in the amount of **\$425,000.00** to replace Airfield Signage and Lights, State Project No. H. 015676, Natchitoches Regional Airport (Bid No. 0670); and

WHEREAS, on **April 14, 2025**, the City Council approved **Change Order No. 1**, in the amount of **\$1,588.75** making the revised contract total **\$426,588.76**; and

WHEREAS, on **May 6, 2025**, CONTRACTOR issued Change Order No. 2, fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **increased** by this Change Order No. 2 in the amount of **\$30,199.54** and the revised contract total will be **\$456,788.29**; 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. 2 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. two 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, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Harrington
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of May, 2025.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 038 OF 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND F&W ELECTRIC CONTRACTORS, INC., TO REPLACE AIRFIELD SIGNAGE AND LIGHTS AT THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT (BID NO. 0670)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has contracted with, F&W Electric Contractors Inc., to Replace Airfield Signage and Lights at the Natchitoches Regional Airport (Bid No. 0670); 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 F&W Electric Contractor, Inc.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of May, 2025.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 039 OF 2025

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT
BIDS FOR (1) 2500 KVA 3 PHASE MOUNT TRANSFORMER**

BID NO. 0677

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise bids for (1) 2500 KVA 3 Phase Mount Transformer (Bid No. 0677); and

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 project until 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025** 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; Tim Tousek, incoming Utility Director; and Christopher Petite, 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, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Harrington
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 12th day of May, 2025.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Tuesday** May 27, 2025.
- The offices of the City of Natchitoches will be **closed** on **Monday, May 26, 2025** for Memorial Day.
- The regularly scheduled City Council Meeting for **Monday, May 26, 2025** has been **re-scheduled** to **Tuesday, May 27, 2025** due to Memorial Day.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

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