

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, 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, January 12, 2026, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the December 8, 2025, 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

Mayoral Update

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

RESOLUTION NO. 003 OF 2026

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 19, 2026, AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, each year on the third Monday of January, schools, federal offices, post offices and banks across American close as we observe and honor Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday; and

WHEREAS, the first national celebration of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday took place January 20, 1986, and this year the celebration will be on January 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, America was moved by a young preacher who called a generation to action and forever changed the course of history. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to the struggle for justice and equality, sowing seeds of hope for a day when all people might claim “the riches of freedom and the security of justice.” On Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday, we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King advocated non-violent action as a means to overcome the evil of racism in America, and he led the effort that resulted in the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King guided us toward a mountaintop on which all Americans – regardless of skin color – could live together in mutual respect and brotherhood. Dr. King recognized the power of service to strengthen communities and achieve common goals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King dedicated his life to empowering people and challenged them to lift up their neighbors and communities. He broke down barriers within our society by encouraging Americans to look past their differences and refused to rest until our Nation fulfilled its pledge of liberty and justice for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim, Monday, January 19, 2026, as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

in the City of Natchitoches in honor of the memory and legacy of Dr. King.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith-Kirkendoll, 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 January 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 046 OF 2025

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **December 2, 2025** that the application of Frank Griffin, to rezone the property described above from R-1 to R-3 SE for the operation of a Short-Term Rental be **APPROVED**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 8, 2025 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 13, 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-Kirkendoll, 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 January, 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 040 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE AIRPORT COMMISSION, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AUTHORIZE A LEASE OF THAT AREA UNDER FENCE AT THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT FOR HAY OPERATIONS WITH JAMES RUSSELL STACY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches currently leases its area under fence at the Natchitoches Regional Airport, for hay to James Russell Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has reviewed the current lease and is of the opinion that Mr. Stacy has satisfactorily fulfilled his obligations under leases in the past, and is of the opinion that the lease should be renewed for a three-year term with Mr. Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has recommended to the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the lease be renewed with James Russell Stacy for an additional three-year term; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed hay field lease;

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the provisions of Louisiana R. S. 33:4712, any property owned by the City can be leased to any person after due advertisement and compliance with the law;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the hay field rights are not needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Airport Commission has reviewed the proposed lease and has approved same;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the recommendations of the Finance Department and Purchasing Department are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement with James Russell Stacy, for hay field operations, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 24, 2025, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 29, December 6, and December 13, 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-Kirkendoll, 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 January 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Smith-

Kirkendoll as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 041 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ENTER INTO A LEASE OF A 25 ACRE TRACT IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR HAY OPERATIONS WITH JAMES R. STACY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches currently leases a 25-acre tract North of Industrial Drive in the Industrial Park, for hay to James Russell Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has reviewed the current lease and is of the opinion that Mr. Stacy has satisfactorily fulfilled his obligations under leases in the past, and is of the opinion that the lease should be renewed for a three-year term with Mr. Stacy; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has recommended to the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the lease be renewed with James Russell Stacy for an additional three-year term; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed hay field lease a copy of which said lease is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the provisions of Louisiana R. S. 33:4712, any property owned by the City can be leased to any person after due advertisement and compliance with the law; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the hay field rights are not needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the recommendations of the Finance Department and Purchasing Department are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a lease

agreement with James R. Stacy, for hay field operations, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and approved by the Director of Finance and Purchasing Department.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 24, 2025, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 29, December 6, and December 13, 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-Kirkendoll, 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 January 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 042 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ENTER INTO A LEASE OF A 29.7 ACRE TRACT IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR HAY OPERATIONS WITH M & M FARMS OF CANE RIVER, L.L.C., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches currently leases a 29.7-acre tract South of Industrial Drive in the Industrial Park, for hay to M & M Farms of Cane River, L.L.C. (sometimes hereinafter “M & M”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has reviewed the current lease and is of the opinion that M & M has satisfactorily fulfilled its obligations under the lease in the past, and is of the opinion that the lease should be renewed for a three-year term with M & M; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Finance Department and Purchasing Department has recommended to the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the lease be renewed with M & M for an additional three-year term; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed hay field lease a copy of which said lease is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the provisions of Louisiana R. S. 33:4712, any property owned by the City can be leased to any person after due advertisement and compliance with the law;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the hay field rights are not needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the recommendations of the Purchasing Department are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement with M & M, for hay field operations, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and approved by the Finance Department and Purchasing Department.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on November 24, 2025, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on November 29, December 6, and December 13, 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-Kirkendoll, 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 January 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 043 OF 2025

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE
NEW FIRE STATION NO#3 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY,
NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA
(BID NO. 0678)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.086 of 2025 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on October 13, 2025, authorizing the mayor to advertise for the New Fire Station No#3 University Parkway, Natchitoches, Louisiana (Bid No. 0678); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on October 16, October 23, and October 30, 2025, in accordance with law; and

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

- (1) Pat Williams Construction, LLC
Leesville, LA.....\$3,253,000.00
- (2) Rhodes Properties \$ Development, LLC
Natchitoches, LA.....\$3,280,000.00
- (3) Tudor, Inc
Alexandria, LA..... \$3,453,000.00
- (4) Testament Construction Services, LLC
Shreveport, LA.....\$3,650,000.00
- (5) Womack & Sons Construction Group
Harrisonburg, LA.....\$3,705,000.00
- (6) Martin Metal Construction
Natchitoches, LA.....\$3,849,995.00

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2025, the appointed committee of Clarissa Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; John Wynn, Fire Chief; and Christopher Petite, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for the New Fire Station No#3 University Parkway, Natchitoches, Louisiana (Bid No. 0678); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the city award the bid to the lowest bidder **Pat Williams Construction, LLC** in the amount of **\$3,253,000.00**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 8, 2025, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 13, 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-Kirkendoll, 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 January 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 044 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND NOR-WES, INC., OF A 0.801 ACRE TRACT, SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS LOT 1 OF THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE A LEASE IN FAVOR OF NOR-WES, INC., AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of the following described property, which is located in the Natchitoches Regional Airport, to-wit:

That certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing 0.801 acre, more or less, located at the Natchitoches Regional Airport in the City of Natchitoches, in Section 76, Township 9 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly shown on a survey by Brandon C. Thornton, dated January 19, 2022, and described thereon as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a NGS concrete monument having a Point ID of BX3075, known locally as “Mayeaux” having a Latitude of North 31 degrees 44 minutes 18.963 seconds, and a Longitude of West 93 degrees 5 minutes 58.159 seconds; thence run North 09 degrees East a distance of 1,727.52 feet to a point; thence run South 0 degrees East a distance of 231.65 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod being the Point of Beginning of the herein described tract; thence run South 58 degrees 51 minutes 58 seconds East a distance of 50.00 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run South 43 degrees 55 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 78.24 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence South 31 degrees 3 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 256.39 feet to a set 12 inch iron rod; thence run North 55 degrees 58 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 135.53 feet to a set ½ inch iron rod; thence run North 33 degrees 8 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 269.90 feet to the Point of Beginning of the herein described tract.

(Sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Leased Premises”).

; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Manager, Justin Foshee, has negotiated the terms of a lease with Nor-Wes, Inc., of the Leased Premises, and the terms of the proposed lease have been approved by the Natchitoches Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the lease are for a ten (10) year period, with consideration of Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 00/100 (\$3,489.00) Dollars per year, all as set forth in the attached Lease Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, and Nor-Wes, Inc.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease the Leased Premises, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto.

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

(1) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease that property described as a 0.801 acre, and being more particularly described and shown on a certificate of survey dated January 19, 2022, prepared by Brandon C. Thornton, to Nor-West, Inc., for the term of ten (10) years, with the annual consideration of Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 00/100 (\$3,489.00) Dollars.

(2) That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

(3) That any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

(4) That the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of Nor-Wes, Inc., leasing that property more fully described as a 0.801 acre tract, and being more particularly described and shown on a certificate of survey dated January 19, 2022, prepared by Brandon C. Thornton, to Nor-West, Inc., for the term of ten (10) years, with the annual consideration of Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Nine and 00/100 (\$3,489.00) Dollars.

(5) That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

(6) That the City takes cognizance of the fact that the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on December 8, 2025, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on December 13, December 20, and December 27, 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-Kirkendoll, 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 January 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M

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

ORDINANCE NO. 001 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE FROM THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES IN FAVOR OF RUSSELL & MARY EDITH STACY FARMS OF THAT PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN THE SOUTH LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 1 BY-PASS AND WATERWELL ROAD BEING TRACTS "B" AND "D" AS SHOWN ON A SURVEY BY GLEN L. CANNON, DATED OCTOBER 2005 AND RECORDED AT MAP SLIDE 569-B OF THE RECORDS OF NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE, A PUBLIC HEARING AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS Russell Stacy (sometimes hereinafter "**Stacy Farms**") submitted a response to a Request For Proposal #0329, which requested proposals for the agricultural lease of two tracts of land located in Section 88, Township 9 North, Range 7 West and Section 57, Township 8 North, Range 7 West, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, said property being more fully being shown and depicted as Tracts "B" and "D" on a survey by Glen L. Cannon, dated October 2005 and recorded at Map Slide 569-B of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

wit: **WHEREAS FURTHER,** Tracts "B" and "D" are more fully described as follows, to-

That certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated and located in Section 57, Township 8 North, Range 7 West and in Section 88 Township 9 North, Range 7 West, being more fully shown and depicted as Tracts "B" and "D" on a survey prepared by Glen L. Cannon, dated October; 2005, and recorded at Map Slide 569B of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, said Tract "B" being 171.22 acres, more or less and Tract "D" being 25.88 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS FURTHER, in their response to RFP #0329, Stacy Farms proposed to lease Tracts "B" and "D" for the sum of \$153.31 per acre per year, and as additional consideration has agreed to maintain by bush hog excess land, and will disc the property at the end of the lease in order to remove all rows; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the response by Stacy Farms was the highest price per acre offered and was the successful response; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the term of the lease, as bid, is for a three- year term, beginning

February 1, 2026 and terminating December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, understanding the City of Natchitoches acquired the property for industrial development and acknowledging that the property may need to be made available to a developer during the term of the lease or some extension thereof, the parties have agreed that the City may terminate the lease early if the property is needed for industrial development, and if the lease is canceled during its term, the City will reimburse Stacy Farms for the fair market value of the crop at the time that the lease is cancelled; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the property which is the subject of the proposed lease is currently not being used for any purpose, and the City of Natchitoches desires to create a source of income for the City of Natchitoches until such time that the property is needed for industrial development; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed agricultural lease; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the property shown and depicted as Tracts "B" and "D" on a survey by Glen L. Cannon, dated October 2005 and recorded at Map Slide 569-B of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, are not currently needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agricultural lease agreement with Stacy Farms, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the rights to the property described above is not currently needed for public purposes by the City.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance **tabled** by a vote of 4 Ayes to 1 Nays this 12th day of January, 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR
TEMPORE

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 002 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES ENTER INTO AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE OF A 96.82 ACRE TRACT AT WHICH 69.11 ACRES IS FARMABLE/ARABLE LAND, MORE OR LESS, WITH RUSSELL & MARY EDITH STACY FARMS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “City”) is the owner of 96.82 acre, more or less, tract situated in Section 74, Township 9 North, Range 7 West (sometimes hereinafter “Subject Tract”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the immediate plans for the Subject Tract include the location of an emergency access road across the Northeast boundary of the Subject Tract and the lease of a one acre, more or less, site for a communications tower in the Northeast corner of the Subject Tract; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has no immediate need or plans for the remaining portion of the Subject Tract; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Subject Tract was leased by the prior owners to Russell & Mary Edith Stacy Farms, and the Purchasing Department has reviewed the existing lease, and is of the opinion that the City should enter into a three-year lease with Russell & Mary Edith Stacy Farms under the terms and conditions as set forth in the attached Agricultural Lease; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Purchasing Department has recommended to the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the City lease the Subject Tract to Russell & Mary Edith Stacy Farms for a three-year term beginning February 1, 2026 until December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the lease are for a three (3) year period, with consideration of Ten Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five and 25/100 (\$10,595.25) Dollars per year at One Hundred Fifty-Three and 31/100 (\$153.31) Dollars per farmable /arable acreage of 69.11 acres.

WHEREAS FURTHER, a lease has been prepared setting forth the term, conditions, and consideration for the proposed Agricultural Lease, a copy of which said lease is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the provisions of Louisiana R. S. 33:4712, any property owned by the City can be leased to any person after due advertisement and compliance with the law;

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council is of the opinion that the Subject Tract is not currently needed by the City for any public purpose, but is a potential source of revenue if leased;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the recommendations of the Finance Department are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an Agricultural Lease with Russell & Mary Edith Stacy Farms, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and approved by the Finance Department.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City takes cognizance of the fact that the Subject Tract is not currently needed for public purposes by the City.

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

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

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance **tabled** by a vote of 4 Ayes to 1 Nays this 12th day of January, 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 13th day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith-Kirkendoll at the January 13, 2026 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 003 OF 2026

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SUPPLIES
(BID NO. 0681)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.087 of 2025 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on October 13, 2025 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0681); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, December 11, December 18 and December 25, 2025 in accordance with law; and

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

- (7) Dean Nida & Associates, LLC
Sarasota, FL\$91,411.00
- (8) Christmas Lights Inc.
Edmund, OK\$124,660.00
- (9) Holiday Radiance
Avon Lake, OH.....\$138,250.00

WHEREAS, two bids received from Elite Textile Trading LLC and Christmas Lighting N Beyond did not comply with the terms of the bid and were not accepted; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2026 the appointed committee of, Clarissa Brown-Smith, Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Tim Tousek, Utility Director and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0681); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Dean Nida and Associates** in the amount of **\$91,411.00**.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 001 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND APECK CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2025 STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM

BID NO. 0676

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2025, the City of Natchitoches executed a contract with Apeck Construction, LLC, for construction of a project known as, “City of Natchitoches 2025 Street Rehabilitation Program,” with a contract amount of \$570,263.10; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches issued a Certificate of Substantial Completion on November 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Apeck Construction has completed all work on this project; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer issued Change Order No. 1 dated December 8, 2025, to provide an accounting of the final quantities for all contract items; and

WHEREAS, the contractor Apeck Construction has accepted Change Order No. 1;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to execute Change Order No. 1 for the City of Natchitoches 2025 Street Rehabilitation Program.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith-Kirkendoll, 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 January,2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 002 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 2)

BID NO. 0682

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise public bids for Water Treatment Facility Improvements, Phase 2 (Bid No. 0682); 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 2:00 pm on **Thursday, February 12, 2026** 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, 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-Kirkendoll, 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 January,2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 004 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND CDE CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (BRED A TOWN – PHASE 2)
(BID NO. 0672)**

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has contracted with CDE Construction, LLC for the Water Distribution System Improvement (Breda Town – Phase 2); 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 CDE Construction, LLC.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith-Kirkendoll, 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 January, 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 005 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING MASTER SERVICES AND PURCHASING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR ACQUISITION OF DEVICES AND SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR. TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER IN THE PREMISES.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) desires and has determined that a true and very real need exists for the purchase and acquisition of devices and services for the City of Natchitoches Police Department, described in the attached Master Services and Purchasing Agreement and Quote Summary between City of Natchitoches and Axon Enterprise, Inc.; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the proposed Master Services and Purchasing Agreement and Quote Summary are attached hereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, having reviewed the attached Master Services and Purchasing Agreement and Quote Summary between the City and Axon Enterprise, Inc., and approving same, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to authorize the Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to execute agreement on behalf of the CITY and the Council shall ratify and adopt any previous agreement signed to secure this contract and interest rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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 Master Services and Purchasing Agreement and Quote Summary between Axon Enterprise, Inc., and the City of Natchitoches.

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

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith-Kirkendoll, 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 January,2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, January 26, 2026.**
- The City of Natchitoches offices will be closed **Monday, January 19, 2026,** in honor of **Martin Luther King Jr.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

_____/s/_____

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

_____/s/_____

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE