

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 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 Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams  
Councilwoman At Large Betty Smith-Kirkendoll  
Councilman Eddie Harrington  
Councilman Dale Nielsen  
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie

**Guest:** Carolyn Beaudion – Ambriar Youth Oasis

**Absent:** Councilman Christopher Petite

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 January 12, 2026, 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-Kirkendoll, Harrington  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Petite  
**ABSTAIN:** None

Carolyn Beaudion-Ambriar Youth Oasis

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

**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:

- (1) Dean Nida & Associates, LLC  
Sarasota, FL .....\$91,411.00
- (2) Christmas Lights Inc.  
Edmund, OK .....\$124,660.00
- (3) 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.

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on January 12, 2026 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on January 17, 2026.

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  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Petite  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the January 28, 2026 City Council meeting as follows:

**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.

The following Ordinance was **TABLED** at the January 12, 2026 City Council meeting and taken from the TABLE at the January 26, 2026 City Council meeting.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the January 28, 2026 City Council meeting as follows:

**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.

The following Ordinance was **TABLED** at the January 12, 2026 City Council meeting and taken from the TABLE at the January 28, 2026 City Council meeting.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the January 28, 2026 City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 004 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS UNSAFE  
AND RECOMMENDING THAT SAME BE DEMOLISHED OR PUT INTO  
REPAIR TO COMPLY WITH THE BUILDING CODE, AUTHORIZING  
NOTICE TO BE SERVED, FIXING HEARING DATE AND APPOINTING  
CURATOR TO REPRESENT ABSENTEES**

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Planning & Zoning and City Building Inspector have filed written reports with the City Council declaring that the buildings listed below are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and endangering the public welfare, and recommending that said buildings be demolished or put in repair to comply with the Building Code, to-wit:

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the following locations were provided an **additional 30 days** to make progress/improvements to comply with the Building Code for compliance at the **April 28, 2025** City Council meeting by **Ord. 006 of 2025**.

1. Cynthia Mandarino  
817 Fourth Street  
Natchitoches, LA 71457  
Lot SE Corner 4<sup>th</sup> & Buard Streets, E By Green & Hughes, S By Holmes **(817 Fourth St.)**
2. Paul Douglas Solomon Family Trust  
223 Sewanee St.  
Natchitoches, LA 71457  
Lot West Side 2<sup>nd</sup> St., N By Aaron, S By Fixary **(852 Second St.)**

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, a motion was made by Mr. Petite and seconded by Mrs. Smith-Kirkendoll to approve an **additional 6 months** to make progress/improvements to comply with the Building Code for compliance at the **July 14, 2025**, City Council meeting by **Ord. 021 of 2025**, for the following locations: **817 Fourth Street and 852 Second Street**.

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, 6 months has now passed and the Director of Planning and Zoning has recommended the following locations: **817 Fourth Street and 852 Second Street** are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and endangering the public welfare and recommending that said buildings be condemned.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 005 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE REVOKING THE DEDICATION OF A PORTION OF PAYNE STREET WHICH IS SITUATED IN THE CITY AND PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES AND LOCATED NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF LAKE STREET AND PAYNE STREET ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF PAYNE STREET, DECLARING THAT SAID PORTION OF PAYNE STREET IS ABANDONED AND THE DEDICATION REVOKED, RETAINING AN EASEMENT ACROSS THE FORMER PAYNE STREET FOR PUBLIC UTILITY PURPOSES, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE, AND SAVINGS CLAUSE**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been made to the City of Natchitoches by Kathy Jones-Anderson, requesting the revocation of the dedication of a portion of a street known as Payne Street, but limited to that portion of Payne Street which is adjacent to Lot 14 of Block 6 of Jefferson Highway Addition No. 1 to the City of Natchitoches, and located North of the intersection of Lake Street and Payne Street, as shown and depicted as a 0.028 acre tract on the on the attached copy of survey by Robert Lynn Davis, dated January 12, 2026; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the portion of Payne Street to be abandoned is more fully shown and depicted on the above referenced copy of survey by Davis, and is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land, in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, described as follows, to-wit:

From the Point of Commencement and Point of Beginning being marked by a found ½ inch iron rod for the Southeast corner of Lot 14 of Jefferson Highway addition, Block 6, thence North 7 degrees 5 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 145.77 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod for the Northeast corner of Lot 14 of Jefferson Highway Addition, Block 6, thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 5.03 feet; thence South 4 degrees 31 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 145.63 feet; thence North 84 degrees 17 minutes 49 seconds West a distance of 11.56 feet to the Point of Beginning, all as more fully shown as a 0.028 acre tract of land on a January 12, 2026 survey by Robert Lynn Davis, a copy of which is attached hereto.

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City has made an examination of the matter and has determined that the portion of Payne Street, described above, is not used by the public as part of a roadway, has not been used as such by the public for many years, and is not needed by the public for use as a roadway; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City Council is of the opinion that the property will not be needed a roadway in the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the right of way which will be abandoned is of no value to anyone except the adjoining property owner; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City will and does hereby reserve a utility servitude and right of way for utilities across the portion of Payne Street being abandoned; and

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

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the portion of Payne Street to be abandoned is adjoined by property of Kathy Jones-Anderson on the West; 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 portion of Payne Street located Northwest of the intersection of Lake Street and Payne Street, as shown and depicted as a 0.028 acre tract on the on the attached copy of survey by Robert Lynn Davis, dated January 12, 2026, is hereby declared to be abandoned and no longer needed for by the public as a roadway, and it is further declared that said portion of Payne Street has not been used by the public as a roadway and there is no necessity for its use by the public in the foreseeable future, said portion of Payne Street being more fully described as follows, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land, in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, described as follows, to-wit:

From the Point of Commencement and Point of Beginning being marked by a found ½ inch iron rod for the Southeast corner of Lot 14 of Jefferson Highway addition, Block 6, thence North 7 degrees 5 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 145.77 feet to a found ½ inch iron rod for the Northeast corner of Lot 14 of Jefferson Highway Addition, Block 6, thence South 82 degrees 49 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 5.03 feet; thence South 4 degrees 31 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 145.63 feet; thence North 84 degrees 17 minutes 49 seconds West a distance of 11.56 feet to the Point of Beginning, all as more fully shown as a 0.028 acre tract of land on a January 12, 2026 survey by Robert Lynn Davis, a copy of which is attached hereto.

SUBJECT TO: A utility servitude across the above described property in favor of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

**SECTION II:** That the above described portion of Payne Street is to be abandoned.

**SECTION III:** The right of way associated with above described portion of Payne Street is hereby declared to be abandoned, and insofar as same may have been dedicated as a public way, said dedication is hereby declared revoked.

**SECTION IV:** 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 portion of the right of way of Payne Street shall, and do hereby revert to the present owner of the land contiguous thereto, in accordance with law, but subject to the following utility easement which is retained by the City.

**SECTION V:** It is understood that this Revocation applies only to the portion of Payne Street above described, and that the City specifically retains a permanent utility easement as described in the following section.

**SECTION VI:** The City of Natchitoches hereby retains a permanent utility easement over the portion of Payne Street as abandoned above, said easement being more fully described as all that portion of the right of way of Payne Street as herein abandoned, said easement being for all public utility purposes, including placement, maintenance and repair of all utilities.

**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. This ordinance was introduced on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026, at a regular meeting of the City Council.

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

**AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: Petite**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance **tabled** by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith-Kirkendoll at the January 28, 2026  
City Council meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 006 OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA**

**RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 041 OF 2022 OF WHICH DECLARED THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 1203 RUSBO STREET, NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA UNSAFE AND UNFIT FOR OCCUPANCY; FINDING THAT SAID STRUCTURE HAS BEEN REHABILITATED AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE CODES; AUTHORIZING REMOVAL OF CONDEMNATION STATUS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, On **August 22, 2022**, the City of Natchitoches City Council adopted **Ordinance No. 041 of 2022** declaring the structure located at **1203 Rusbo St.** unsafe and unfit for human occupancy due to violations of applicable building, housing, and safety codes; and

WHEREAS, said ordinance resulted in the condemnation of the property and its removal from lawful occupancy and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the owner of record, Superior Properties Management Group, LLC has since completed rehabilitation of the structure pursuant to permits issued by the City of Natchitoches Building Department/Code Enforcement Division; and

WHEREAS, the structure has been inspected by the City Building officials and has been found to be in substantial compliance with all applicable buildings, fire, health, and zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches City Council finds that the conditions which formed the basis for condemnation no longer exist and that rescission of the prior ordinance is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

**Financial Report given by Clariss Smith, Finance Director.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Monday, February 9, 2026.**

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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**RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR**

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**BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE**