

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, May 11, 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, May 11, 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
Councilman Christopher Petite

Guest: Brad Raynes – Employee of the Month

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 April 23, 2026, meeting. Councilwoman At Large Smith-Kirkendoll moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of the same. Seconded by Councilman Petite.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 030 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 15-21, 2026, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, National Police Week 2026 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 38th Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which will be observed this year May 15th-21st; 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 15-21, 2026, 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-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 11th day of May ,2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO. 031 OF 2026

PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY, 2026 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives and one in four of all Americans require treatment at some point for mental health; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety and schizophrenia are real, common and treatable illnesses and with effective treatment individuals can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, real recovery from mental illness requires community action, understanding and teamwork and is possible due to improved science, increased community support and reduced stigma and stereotypes, but significant barriers still remain; and

WHEREAS, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen share the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 2026 as **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Natchitoches and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Natchitoches to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health conditions.

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 11th day of May ,2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 013 OF 2026
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 on May 11, 2026, 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 2026, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

PUBLIC SAFETY FAC/SER FIRE & POLICE 9.350 mills

GENERAL ALIMONY 6.570 mills

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Assessor of the Parish of Natchitoches shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2026 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 27th day of April 2026 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 7, 2026.

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-Kirkendoll, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the ordinance adopted at the meeting held on May 11, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.
Natchitoches, Louisiana, this 12th day of May 2026.

Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor
Tempore

Betty Smith-Kirkendoll, Mayor Pro

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

ORDINANCE NO. 014 of 2026
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 11, 2026, 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 2026, 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>2026 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 2026 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 27th day of April 2026 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 7th, 2026.

The foregoing Ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Ordinance was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: Elie, Nielsen, Smith-Kirkendoll, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Ordinance adopted at the meeting held on May 11, 2026, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.
Natchitoches, Louisiana, this 12th day of May 2026.

Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor
Tempore

Betty Smith-Kirkendoll, Mayor Pro

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

ORDINANCE NO. 015 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT IN FAVOR OF SWYFT FIBER ALLOWING SWYFT FIBER RIGHTS TO LAY, CONSTRUCT, LEASE AND/ OR OPERATE A CABLE OPTICS TRANSMISSION CABLE, WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY AND THE RIGHT TO USE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREET, ROADS, HIGHWAYS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, AND PUBLIC WAYS IN SUCH CITY AND OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SUCH CITY FOR SUCH PURPOSES; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO WHICH SUCH FRANCHISE AND RIGHTS ARE SUBJECT; PRESCRIBING THE TERM OF SUCH FRANCHISE AND RIGHTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is authorized under Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4401, et seq, to grant a non-exclusive franchise, right, and privilege to use and occupy the streets, alleys and public places therein to construct maintain and operates for telephone, telegraph and electric transmission and distribution systems; the right to operate and maintain cable television equipment and systems on, over, under, along, upon, and across all of the present and future streets, roads, highways, alleys, bridges, and public spaces of the City of Natchitoches, subject to applicable zoning and building requirements and obligations provided herein; the right to repair, replace or remove same or any portion thereof; and the right to connect any such facilities to any other facilities for the purpose of distributing or transmitting signals into, through, or beyond the boundaries of the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, desires to grant a franchise to Swyft Fiber, under the terms and conditions as set in the attached Franchise Agreement; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana (hereinafter “the City”) that, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Franchise Agreement, hereby desires to grant to Swyft Fiber, doing and authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana, and in the City of Natchitoches, with its principal office in Metairie, Louisiana (hereinafter “Company”), a non-exclusive franchise, right, and privilege to use and occupy the streets, alleys and public places therein to construct maintain and operates for telephone, telegraph and electric transmission and distribution systems; the right to operate and maintain cable television equipment and systems on, over, under, along, upon, and across all of the present and future streets, roads, highways, alleys, bridges, and public spaces of the City of Natchitoches, subject to applicable zoning and building requirements and obligations provided herein; the right to repair, replace or remove same or any portion thereof; and the right to connect any such facilities to any other facilities for the purpose of distributing or transmitting signals into, through, or beyond the boundaries of the City of Natchitoches.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Franchise Agreement shall be in the form as the attached agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances of the City or portions thereof that are in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms of this ordinance shall be repealed are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that nothing in this ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise or this non-exclusive Franchise shall be construed as superseding, repealing, canceling, modifying, or in any way affecting any of the rights enjoyed by any other entity having a franchise in the City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, nothing herein shall be construed to constitute the grant of a franchise for the provision of any service other than as set forth in the Franchise Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance and the Franchise and rights granted herein may be amended only by written agreement of the City and the Company to such amendment.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that in the event any part of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid or illegal for any reason whatsoever, such invalidity or illegality shall not affect the validity or legality of this Ordinance as a whole or any parts thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be authorized and empowered to execute the attached Franchise Agreement on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on April 27, 2026, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 7, 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, 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 11th day of May 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 016 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE OF POLES BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND SWYFT FIBER PROVIDING FOR THE CONNECTION OF LINES BY EITHER PARTY ON THE POLES OF THE OTHER PARTY; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO WHICH SUCH AGREEMENT ARE SUBJECT; PRESCRIBING THE TERM OF SUCH FRANCHISE AND RIGHTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches approved a form Agreement For Joint Use of Poles by Ordinance 16 of 2009; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Ordinance 16 of 2009 envisioned that there are persons or entities which now or hereinafter may utilize the property and rights of way of the City to conduct business operation, including but not limited to the provision of telecommunication, internet, electrical, cable, water, gas or other services or products (hereinafter referred to as “Business Operations”) pursuant to local franchise agreements or contracts with the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches provided for a rate for the use of utility poles owned by the City of Natchitoches and approved and adopted the form “Agreement for Joint Use of Poles”; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, desires to enter into a grant an Agreement For Joint Use of Poles with Swyft Fiber, under the terms and conditions as set in the attached Agreement For Joint Use of Poles; and

BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana (hereinafter “the City”) that, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Agreement For Joint Use of Poles, hereby desires to enter into a Agreement For Joint Use of Poles

with Swyft Fiber, doing and authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana, and in the City of Natchitoches, with its principal office in Metairie, Louisiana (hereinafter “Company”).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Agreement For Joint Use of Poles shall be in the form as the attached agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances of the City or portions thereof that are in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms of this ordinance shall be repealed are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance and the Agreement For Joint Use of Poles and rights granted herein may be amended only by written agreement of the City and the Company to such amendment.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that in the event any part of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid or illegal for any reason whatsoever, such invalidity or illegality shall not affect the validity or legality of this Ordinance as a whole or any parts thereof.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be authorized and empowered to execute the attached Agreement For Joint Use of Poles on behalf of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on April 27, 2026, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 7, 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, 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 11th day of May 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

ORDINANCE NO. 017 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING DWIGHT DAVIS AS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES; AUTHORIZING ENFORCEMENT OF CHAPTER 16 (NUISANCES) AND RELATED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES, POWERS, AND AUTHORITY CONSISTENT WITH LOUISIANA LAW; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches has adopted Chapter 16 (Nuisances and Property Maintenance) to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of Chapter 16 requires a designated official with authority to inspect, cite, and abate violations; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under Louisiana law, including Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4751, Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4761, and Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:1236, to regulate nuisances and appoint officials to enforce such regulations;

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

SECTION 1: APPOINTMENT

Dwight Davis is hereby appointed as **Code Enforcement Officer** for the City of Natchitoches.

SECTION 2: CHAPTER 16 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY

The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby specifically authorized to administer and enforce **Chapter 16 (Nuisances)** of the City Code, including but not limited to:

- Identification and documentation of nuisance conditions
- Issuance of notices of violation and orders to abate
- Coordination of nuisance abatement actions, including lot clearing, demolition, and removal of debris
- Initiation of administrative hearings and enforcement proceedings
- Implementation of lien procedures and cost recovery mechanisms as authorized by City Ordinance

SECTION 3: GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES

The Code Enforcement Officer shall have authority to:

- a. Conduct inspections of property in accordance with applicable law;
- b. Issue citations, notices, and administrative orders;
- c. Prepare cases for administrative hearings, City Council action, or court proceedings;
- d. Coordinate with Police, Fire, Public Works, and Planning and Zoning;

- e. Maintain enforcement records and compliance tracking systems;
- f. Enforce all applicable municipal codes related to health, safety, zoning, and property maintenance.

SECTION 4: LEGAL COMPLIANCE

All enforcement actions shall be conducted in accordance with:

- Chapter 16 of the Natchitoches Code of Ordinances
- Applicable Louisiana Revised Statutes, including those cited herein
- Due process requirements for notice, hearing, and appeal

SECTION 5: LIEN AND COST RECOVERY AUTHORITY

The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to initiate and process liens, assessments, and cost recovery actions for nuisance abatement in accordance with Chapter 16 and Louisiana law.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and signature by the Mayor.

SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions.

SECTION 8: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 11, 2026, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on May 21, 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. 18 OF 2026				
The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mrs. Smith-Kirkendoll as follows, to-wit:				
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025-2026 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:				
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
GENERAL FUND	FUND 001 - GENERAL FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
001-0000-481-00-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	45,000.00	175,909.73	220,909.73
001-0000-431-09-00	LOCAL/GRANT	-	40,000.00	40,000.00
REVENUE	TOTAL	45,000	215,910	260,910
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
GENERAL FUND	FUND 001 - GENERAL FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
001-5401-540-3006	MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES/UNIFORMS	24,500	7,032	31,532
001-5401-540-35-16	OPERATING SERVICES/PROM/IMPROV	2,500	4,500	7,000
001-5100-510-80-02	REIMBUR/SCEI/SOUTHERN CITIES		40,000	40,000
001-5402-540-35-12	OPERATING SERVICES/VET/MEDICAL SUPPLIES	7,150	3,000	10,150
EXPENSES	TOTAL	34,150	54,532	88,682
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026

UTILITY FUND	FUND 002 - UTILITY FUND	Original Budget	Adjust ments	Revised Budget
002-0000-461-06-00	UTILITY/POLE RENTAL	30,000	286,060	316,060
002-0000-461-01-01	ELECTRIC SALES - PUBLIC	23,468,507	6,000,000	29,468,507
REVENUE	TOTAL	23,498,507	6,286,060	29,784,567
002-6300-630-33-01	ELECTRICITY PURCHASES - CLECO	13,525,000	6,286,060	19,811,060
EXPENSES	TOTAL	13,525,000	6,286,060	19,811,060
		2025- 2026	2025- 2026	2025- 2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 025-DRUG RECOVERY	Original Budget	Adjust ments	Revised Budget
025-0000-433-09-00	FEDERAL/GRAN T	25,000	(25,000)	-
REVENUE	TOTAL	25,000	(25,000)	-
025-0000-591-40-02	OTHER EXPENSES/TRAV EL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ -
025-0000-591-30-16	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES/TOOLS	2,000	(2,000)	\$ -
025-0000-591-30-19	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES/AMMO	2,000	(2,000)	\$ -
025-0000-591-90-02	CAPITAL ASSETS/MACHIN ERY	7,641	(7,641)	\$ -
025-0000-591-35-36	INFORMANT FEES	1,000	(1,000)	\$ -
025-0000-591-30-25	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES/MACH/ EQUIP	1,000	(1,000)	\$ -
025-0000-591-30-29	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	1,000	(1,000)	\$ -
025-0000-591-30-31	OFFICE SUPPLIES	500	(359)	141
EXPENSES	TOTAL	25,141	(25,000)	-
		2025- 2026	2025- 2026	2025- 2026

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 062 - ANIMAL SHELTER	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
062-0000-443-00-00	CHARGES FOR SERVICES - ANIMAL SHELTER			
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	-	-
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 071 - CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
071-0000-433-09-00	FEDERAL/GRANT	2,665,000	(2,665,000)	0
REVENUE	TOTAL	2,665,000	(2,665,000)	0
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 071 - CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
071-0000-591-92-56	UNIVERSITY FIRE STATION	2,000,000	(2,000,000)	0
071-0000-591-92-65	SOUTH NATCH. DRAINAGE	865,000	(665,000)	200,000
071-0000-591-92-50	BEN JOHNSON PARK	-	207,020	207,020
EXPENSES	TOTAL	2,865,000	(2,457,980)	407,020
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 071 - CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
072-0000-433-00-00	STATE/FEDERAL			

REVENUE	TOTAL	0	0	0
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 072 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STREETS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
072-0000-591-90-31	CAPITAL PROJECTS/STREETS			
EXPENSES	TOTAL	0	0	0
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 073 - UTILITY IMPROVEMENT/ CLECO	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
073-0000-481-02-00	CLECO CREDITS	-	86,062	86,062
073-0000-481-02-01	LEPA CREDITS	-	291,151	291,151
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	377,213	377,213
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 075 - CAP PROJ-WATER TREATMENT	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
075-0000-481-37-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME/WSP GRANT	-	2,407,754	2,407,754
075-0000-482-01-01	BOND PROCEEDS	11,195,264	(10,407,754)	787,510
REVENUE	TOTAL	11,195,264	(8,000,000)	3,195,264
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 075 - CAP PROJ-WATER TREATMENT	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
075-0000-591-92-40	CAP PROJ/WATER TREATMENT	11,195,264	(8,000,000)	3,195,264

EXPENSES	TOTAL	11,195,264	(8,000,000)	3,195,264
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 104 - MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	-	-
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 122 - LCDBG POWHATEN WATER	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
122-0000-432-09-00	STATE GRANT	-	1,835,972	1,835,972
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	1,835,972	1,835,972
122-0000-591-92-57	FY2023 STREET IMPRO		1,114,359	1,114,359
122-0000-591-92-71	CLEARANCE PROJECT	-	45,384	45,384
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	1,159,743	1,159,743
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 149 - RAPIDES FOUNDATION	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
149-0000-431-20-00	LOCAL/STRENGTHENING FAMILY GRANT	-	37,918.00	37,918
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	37,918	37,918
149-0000-591-20-04	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES/CONSULTANTS		49,862	49,862
149-0000-591-30-99	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES/OTHER		2,215	2,215

149-0000-591-35-16	OPERATING SERVICES/PROM O/IMP		11,523	11,523
149-0000-591-35-37	OPERATING SERVICES/DUES		120	120
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	63,721	63,721
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 140 - AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
140-0000-432-04-00	STATE/AIRPORT GRANT	200,000.00	(185,000.00)	15,000
140-0000-433-03-00	AIRPORT GRANT	1,000,000.00	(910,000.00)	90,000
REVENUE	TOTAL	1,200,000	(1,095,000)	105,000
140-0000-591-90-05	CAPITAL ASSETS-REAL ESTATE	260,000	(260,000)	-
140-0000-591-92-47	REPLACE AWOS III P/T	200,000	(200,000)	-
140-0000-591-92-48	LED LIGHT & SIGNS 17/35	525,000	(525,000)	-
140-0000-591-92-55	REPL AIRFIELD SIGN & LIGHTING	-	75,948	75,948
140-0000-591-92-58	HANGAR DOOR REPLACEMENT	213,331	(213,331)	-
EXPENSES	TOTAL	1,198,331	(1,122,383)	75,948
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 225 -LDH DRINKING WATER	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
225-0000-481-35-02	BOND PROCEEDS	-	105,280	105,280

225-0000-491-01-22	LCDBG GRANT	-	872,678	872,678
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	977,958	977,958
225-0000-591-20-04	CONSULTANTS	-	738,878	738,878
225-000-591-50-05	DEBT SERVICE/PRINIPAL	-	150,000	150,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	888,878	888,878
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 312 - WORKERS COMP FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
312-0000-481-00-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	475,000	120,000	595,000
312-0000-482-00-00	INTEREST	10,000	12,500	22,500
312-0000-483-00-00	INSURANCE RECOVERY	-	104,883	104,883
REVENUE	TOTAL	485,000	237,383	722,383
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 312 - WORKERS COMP FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	Revised Budget
312-0000-591-20-02	ATTORNEYS	45,000	30,000	75,000
312-0000-591-20-07	INSURANCE/LIABILITY/PREMIUM	140,000	55000	195,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	185,000	85,000	270,000
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026

SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 313 - POLICE BOND	Original Budget	Adjust ments	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/MARS HALL'S OFFICE	-	3,186	3,186
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	3,186	3,186
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 314 - LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND	Original Budget	Adjust ments	Revised Budget
314-0000-591-20-02	ATTORNEYS	151,500	(115,000)	36,500
314-0000-591-20-18	INSURANCE/TPA SERVICES	11,500	(11,500)	-
314-0000-591-40-09	INSURANCE CLAIMS	80,000	53,000	133,000
EXPENSES	TOTAL	243,000	(73,500)	169,500
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 11, 2026 and published in the <i>Natchitoches Times</i> on May 21, 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				
NAYES: None				
ABSENT: Petite				
ABSTAIN: None				
THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0				

Nays this 26th day of May, 2026.				
Ronnie Williams, Jr., MAYOR		Betty Smith-		
Kirkendoll MAYOR PRO TEMPORE				

RESOLUTION NO. 028 OF 2026

**SECOND STREET AND TOULINE STREET CONCRETE PAVEMENT
REPLACEMENT, BID NO. 0680
AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature appropriated a total of \$2,200,000 to the City of Natchitoches for planning and construction of a project known as “Second Street and Toulaine Street Concrete Pavement Replacement;” and

WHEREAS, this project was advertised for bids on March 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the bid advertisement included provisions for submittal of a Base Bid, along with two bid Additive Alternates; and

WHEREAS, bids for this project were received on April 30, 2026, from the following contractors:

[Note: All bid amounts shown include the total for the Base Bid and two Additive Alternates]

1. Skyplex Trucking, LLC, of Natchitoches, in the amount of \$2,315,156.00
2. Regional Construction, LLC, of Natchitoches, in the amount of \$2,396,884.50
3. Apeck Construction, LLC, of Anacoco, LA, in the amount of \$3,599,141.80; and

WHEREAS, the low bid was submitted by Skyplex Trucking, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the low bid amount was within the amount budgeted for this project [State share plus required 25% City match]; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer Nick Verret recommended award of the Base Bid plus both Additive Alternates to Skyplex Trucking, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Bid Review Committee of Edd Lee, Purchasing Director; Donald Forest, Public Works Director; Clarissa Brown-Smith, Finance Director; and Rosemary Washington-Elie, District 4 Councilwoman concurs with the recommendation to award the Base Bid and both Additive Alternates to Skyplex Trucking, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natchitoches City Council hereby authorizes Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., to award the low bid [Base Bid plus two Additive Alternates] for the project known as “Second Street and Toulaine Street Concrete Pavement Replacement” to Skyplex Trucking, LLC, subject to approval of the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 029 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR REQUEST NO 1, AND REQUEST NO. 2 TO THE
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND PAT WILLIAMS
CONSTRUCTION, LLC., FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION NO#3 UNIVERSITY
PARKWAY, NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA**

(BID NO. 0678)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (CITY) awarded the bid to **PAT WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION, LLC.**, (CONTRACTOR) on January 12, 2026, by Ordinance No. 043 of 2026 in the amount of **\$3,253,000.00** for the New Fire Station No#3 University Parkway, Natchitoches, Louisiana (Bid No. 0678) and;

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2026 CONTRACTOR issued **Change Order Request No. 1**, and **Request No. 2** fully described in Attachment “A”; and

WHEREAS, the contract sum will be **Increased** by **Change Order Request No. 1** in the amount of **\$45,246.76** and by **Change Order Request No. 2** in the amount of **\$5,897.10** the total amount of this change order is **\$51,143.86** and the revised contract total will be **\$3,304,143.86**; and

WHEREAS, the project Architect, Carroll Blewster, has recommended this change order; and

WHEREAS, the CITY is of the opinion that Change Order No. 1 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. 1 to the agreement between the City of Natchitoches and the contractor, Pat Williams 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 11th day of May ,2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

RESOLUTION NO 032 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING CLOYD BENJAMIN, JR., AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, in its endeavors to promote and attract industry, organized the Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Inc. (the "IDB"); and

WHEREAS, the term of Cloyd Benjamin as a Director for the IDB of the City of Natchitoches will expire on April 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Natchitoches City Council wishes to re-appoint Cloyd Benjamin for a term commencing on April 24, 2026, and ending on April 24, 2030; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches does, in legal session convened, hereby re-appoint Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., as a member of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, for a term commencing on April 24, 2026 and ending on April 24, 2032.

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 11th day of May ,2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The offices of the City of Natchitoches will be **closed** on **Monday, May 25, 2026** for Memorial Day.
- The regularly scheduled City Council Meeting for **Monday, May 25, 2026** has been **re-scheduled** to **Tuesday, May 26, 2026** due to Memorial Day.
- A Public Hearing on the City of Natchitoches Budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027, will be held on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**, at **4:30 p.m.**
- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

/S/
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

/S/
BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE