

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, May 26, 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 26, 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: Mayor's Athletic Leadership Award Recipients

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 May 11, 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
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Petite
ABSTAIN:	None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 033 OF 2026

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 19, 2026, AS JUNETEENTH DAY
IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day when enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, were informed of their freedom, more than two years after the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth stands as a powerful reminder of resilience, hope, freedom, and the enduring pursuit of equality and justice for all citizens; and

WHEREAS , the City of Natchitoches recognizes the importance of honoring the contributions, history, culture, and achievements of African Americans who have helped shape our community, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Natchitoches, as the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, possesses a rich and diverse cultural heritage that continues to be strengthened through unity, education, reflection, and celebration; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth provides an opportunity for all citizens to come together in fellowship to celebrate freedom, promote understanding, encourage civic engagement, and reaffirm our shared commitment to equality and opportunity for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches supports efforts to preserve African American history and recognizes the significance of cultural events, educational programs, music, food, art, and community gatherings that honor the spirit of Juneteenth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2026, as

“JUNETEENTH DAY”
in the City of Natchitoches

and encourage all citizens to participate in activities and observances that celebrate freedom, heritage, unity, and the continued pursuit of justice for all.

This Resolution was then presented for a vote, 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 Resolution passed by a vote of 4 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 26th day of May 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

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

ORDINANCE NO. 011 OF 2026

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE
CITY OF NATCHITOCHES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JUNE 1, 2026, THROUGH MAY 31, 2027**

WHEREAS, the fiscal year of the City of Natchitoches is from June 1 through May 31 of each year; and

WHEREAS, a budget has been prepared by the Finance Director, Clarissa Brown-Smith, and has been submitted by the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., to the City Council for review and consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that the Natchitoches City Council does hereby adopt the budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027.

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General Fund	\$ 23,008,192.00
Proprietary Fund (Utility)	\$ 44,433,098.00
Special and Capital Project Funds	\$ 44,980,588.00

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, in accordance with L.R.S. 39:1305, the following specifies the Mayor’s authority to make budgetary amendments without approval of the governing authority, as well as those powers reserved solely to the governing authority:

The Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches states in part “... at any time during the fiscal year the Mayor may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance among programs within a department, office, or agency. Upon written request by the Mayor, the Council may by ordinance transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one department, office, or agency to another...” (Section 5.05 D) Supplemental, emergency, and reductions of appropriations must be submitted to the Council for approval by Ordinance. (Section 5.05 A-C)

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on April 13, 2026, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on April 23, 2026.

This Ordinance was **TABLED** by Ms. Smith-Kirkendoll and Seconded by Mr. Harrington at the April 27, 2026, City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Smith-Kirkendoll and Seconded by Mr. Harrington to take Ordinance No. 011 **FROM THE TABLE**, motion voted on and passed by 4 Ayes to 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Mr. Harrington to adopt Ordinance No. 011 with an amendment that any use of the budget for Economic Development Consulting Funds requires prior approval by the City Council for any consultants hired or any funds spent, and that the condition on the expenditure of the specifically appropriated fund rather than a restriction as whole.

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 26th day of May 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of May 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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	Adjustments	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	Adjustments	Revised Budget
025-0000-433-09-00	FEDERAL/GRANT	25,000	(25,000)	-
REVENUE	TOTAL	25,000	(25,000)	-
025-0000-591-40-02	OTHER EXPENSES/TRAVEL	\$ 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/MACHINERY	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/STRENGTHEN ING FAMILY GRANT	-	37,918.0 0	37,918
REVENUE	TOTAL	-	37,918	37,918
149-0000-591-20-04	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES/CONSULT ANTS		49,862	49,862
149-0000-591-30-99	MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES/OTHER		2,215	2,215
149-0000-591-35-16	OPERATING SERVICES/PROMO/IM P		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	Adjust ments	Revised Budget
140-0000-432-04-00	STATE/AIRPORT GRANT	200,000 .00	(185,00 0.00)	15,000
140-0000-433-03-00	AIRPORT GRANT	1,000,0 00.00	(910,00 0.00)	90,000
REVENUE	TOTAL	1,200,0 00	(1,095,0 00)	105,00 0
140-0000-591-90-05	CAPITAL ASSETS- REAL ESTATE	260,000	(260,00 0)	-
140-0000-591-92-47	REPLACE AWOS III P/T	200,000	(200,00 0)	-
140-0000-591-92-48	LED LIGHT & SIGNS 17/35	525,000	(525,00 0)	-
140-0000-591-92-55	REPL AIRFIELD SIGN & LIGHTING	-	75,948	75,948
140-0000-591-92-58	HANGAR DOOR REPLACEMENT	213,331	(213,33 1)	-

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	Adjustments	Revised Budget
313-0000-481-00-00	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	55,000	(50,000)	5,000
REVENUE	TOTAL	55,000	(50,000)	5,000
313-0000-591-35-09	OPERATING SERVICES/MARSHALL'S OFFICE	-	3,186	3,186
EXPENSES	TOTAL	-	3,186	3,186
		2025-2026	2025-2026	2025-2026
SPECIAL FUNDS	FUND 314 - LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND	Original Budget	Adjustments	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 Smith-Kirkendoll MAYOR PRO TEMPORE				Betty

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

ORDINANCE NO. 019 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.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on May 11, 2026, and published in the *Natchitoches Times* 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
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 26th day of May 2026.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 27th day of May 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie at the May 26, 2026 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 020 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO LEASE THE OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED IN THE ADM MILL SITE BEING LOCATED BETWEEN MILL STREET AND THE RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY TO DEBBIE SMITH, SETTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAME, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE BY THE MAYOR, RONNIE WILLIAMS, AFTER DUE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (City) owns the ADM Mill Site bounded on the East by Mill Street and on the West by a railroad line which said site has several buildings located on it; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Debbie Smith (sometimes hereinafter ASmith@) has approached the City expressing interest in the Office Building (said building identified as AHistoric Building 2" on the attached map) to be used as the location for a retail sales business; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Smith have negotiated the lease of the Office Building, sometimes referred to as Historic Building 2 and depicted as Historic Building 2 on the attached map of ADM site, said lease to include the 1,714 square foot Office Building, as identified on the attached map; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the rental rate for the lease shall be \$.408 per square foot on an annual basis; for a total annual rent of \$8,400, which said rent shall be payable monthly in the amount of \$700.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that the Office Building is currently not is use by the City and is surplus property and does hereby declare and find that subject Office Building located on the property acquired by the City of Natchitoches from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company through donation to the City, located on Mill Street, to be surplus property; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the lease will have a one-year term, with annual rental in the amount of \$700.00, payable monthly; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease the Office Building described above to Smith, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease 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

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 the 1,714 square foot subject Office Building on the ADM Mill Site (commonly known as Office Building or Historic Building 2) to Debbie Smith for the term of one year, with the annual consideration of \$700.00, payable in monthly installments, all as more fully described in the attached lease.
- (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 fifteen (15) 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 Debbie Smith, leasing the 1,715 square foot subject Office Building located on the ADM Mill Site for the term of one year, for the consideration of \$8,400.00 per year, payable in monthly installments.

(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 declares that the subject Office Building located on the property acquired by the City of Natchitoches from Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, located on Mill Street, to be surplus property not needed for public purposes by the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **June 8, 2026**.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

/s/

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

 /s/

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE