

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 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, June 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

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

Guest: Mayor's Athletic Leadership Awards

Absent: Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr.

Councilwoman At Large Betty Smith-Kirkendoll called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Donald Forest led the invocation, and Councilman Harrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman At Large Smith-Kirkendoll then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the May 26, 2026, meeting. Councilman Nielsen moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of the same. Seconded by Councilman Harrington.

A roll call vote was as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 043 OF 2026

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2026 AS MARKET MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our citizens is of primary concern; and

WHEREAS, supporting sustainable family farms and local artisans benefits the local economy; and

WHEREAS, farmer’s markets provide access to fresh food and support healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, participating in the Central Louisiana network of farmers markets is essential to helping the Natchitoches Farmers Market grow;

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

RURAL FARMERS MARKET MONTH

in the City of Natchitoches, and urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned here forth.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 034 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION FIXING THE TIME, DAY, DATE AND PLACE
OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, in regular session convened, that in accordance with Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Natchitoches, that the City Council of the City of Natchitoches will meet in regular session at 5:30 P.M. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month for the next twelve (12) months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the place of meeting shall be at the Natchitoches City Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, City of Natchitoches, unless provided otherwise by the Mayor upon public notice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that special meetings may be held in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of the Home Rule Charter and further providing that notice of the special meeting to be posted at the principal office of the City no less than forty-eight (48) hours in advance of said meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the discretion of the Mayor and Councilmen, an informal meeting may be called to begin at 5:00 p.m. preceding the regularly scheduled City Council meeting to discuss any business deemed prudent and necessary.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 035 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING TIMES AND PLACES OF:
NATCHITOCHES PLANNING COMMISSION
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1**

WHEREAS, State law requires that notice of meetings of governing bodies and agencies thereof must be published in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana R.S. 42:7.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that the **Planning Commission** of the City of Natchitoches shall meet in regular session at 5:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the City of Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic District Commission** for the City of Natchitoches shall meet at 5:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month at the City of Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Airport Advisory Commission** will meet at 5:00 P.M. on the third Monday of each month, except December, at the Natchitoches Regional Airport Terminal located at 450 Wallenberg Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Waterworks District No. 1** shall meet at 5:30 P.M. on the third Monday of each month at the Thomas Building located at 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 036 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STACY McQUEARY
AS CLERK OF THE COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Stacy McQueary be appointed as Clerk of the Council for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 2.08 of the Home Rule Charter, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 037 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE AUDITOR
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that the firm of Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway and Todtenbier be appointed as City Auditor for the City of Natchitoches for the period of May 31, 2026 through May 31, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 038 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE FISCAL AGENT
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 004 of 2025 of the Natchitoches City Council awarded Bank of Montgomery the contract for Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council does hereby take cognizance of the recommendation of Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., that Bank of Montgomery, Natchitoches, LA, be appointed as Fiscal Agent for the City of Natchitoches for the term June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby confirms the said appointment.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 039 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING *THE NATCHITOCHES TIMES*
AS THE OFFICIAL LEGAL JOURNAL FOR THE CITY OF
NATCHITOCHES FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches in regular session convened that *The Natchitoches Times* is hereby designated as the official legal journal for the City of Natchitoches for the next twelve months.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to –wit;

RESOLUTION NO. 040 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEYS FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby take cognizance that Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., has re-appointed Alex Washington as City Attorney for the City of Natchitoches, in accordance with Section 4.02 of the Home Rule Charter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the re-appointments of three (3) Assistant City Attorneys, and upon the recommendation of the City Attorney and the Mayor, that Daniel T. Murchison, Jr., Cloyd Benjamin, Jr., and Gary Conley, are hereby confirmed and approved as Assistant City Attorneys to serve in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.02C of the Home Rule Charter.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 041 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches has submitted the following names for appointment to the Natchitoches City Planning Commission to-wit:

- 1. Charles Whitehead, III**
- 2. Michael D. Lewis**
- 3. Trisha Eleyae**
- 4. Rickey McCalister**
- 5. Walter Johnson**
- 6. Isaac Lewis**
- 7. Alexia Conday**
- 8. Anita Dubois**
- 9. Sadie Sawyer**

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 24-17 of the Natchitoches Code of Ordinances provides that the members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, with consent of the Natchitoches City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that they hereby acknowledge the appointment of the above individuals to the City Planning Commission and hereby approve and consent to same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall have such powers and duties as are provided in R.S. 33:101, et seq.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

The following Resolution was introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mr. Elie as follows, to –wit;

RESOLUTION NO. 042 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
NATCHITOCHES HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FOR THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Natchitoches has submitted the following names for appointment to the Natchitoches Historic District Commission as follows, to-wit:

- 1. Jared Dunahoe
- 2. Ralph Wilson
- 3. Dr. Steve Horton
- 4. Mrs. Melissa Robinson
- 5. Mrs. Marion Salter
- 6. Drake Owens

WHEREAS FURTHER, Ordinance No. 31 of 1986 of the Natchitoches Code of Ordinances provides that the members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor with consent of the Council

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that they hereby acknowledge the appointment of the above individuals to the Natchitoches Historic District Commission and hereby approve and consent to same.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 044 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC, FOR THE EUCLID CASUALTY PACKAGE INSURANCE RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the Insurance Committee has reviewed the proposals submitted for the General Liability, Employee Benefit Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Entity Management Liability, Public Entity Employment-Related Practices Liability, Auto Liability, Auto Physical Damage, Umbrella and Crime Insurance for the City of Natchitoches and recommends the contract in the amount of \$573,493.85 be awarded to Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC, for the period June 30, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 045 OF 2026

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE AND ACCEPT
BIDS FOR HANGAR DOOR REPLACEMENT AT THE NATCHITOCHES
REGIONAL AIRPORT**

BID NO. 0683

WHEREAS, the City wishes to advertise for public bids for Hangar Door Replacement at the Natchitoches Regional Airport (Bid No. 0683); 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 1:00 pm on **Thursday, July 16, 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; Justin Foshee, Airport Manager; and Christopher Petite, Councilman; are to review and make a recommendation of the bids received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Natchitoches, in legal session convened, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

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 8th day of June 2026.

MAYOR RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be **June 22, 2026**.
- The City of Natchitoches offices will be closed **Friday, June 19, 2026**, in observation of Juneteenth.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

/S/
RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

/S/

BETTY SMITH-KIRKENDOLL, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE