

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Arts Center, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Lee Posey  
Councilman At Large Don Mims, Jr.  
Councilman Dale Nielsen  
Councilwoman Sylvia Morrow  
Councilman Lawrence Batiste

Guests: None

Absent: None

Mayor Lee Posey called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Michael Braxton was asked to lead the invocation and Councilman Dale Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Posey then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the January 28, 2019 meeting. Mr. Mims moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Ms. Morrow, a roll call vote was as follows:

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow</b>
<b>Nays:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>None</b>

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 006 OF 2019**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019  
AS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHE**

**WHEREAS**, the history of our great country has been written by men and women of every race, religion and ethnic background and African American History Month gives us the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contributions African Americans have made to the rich cultural history of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, we also recognize the courage and tenacity of so many hard-working African Americans whose legacies are woven into the fabric of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, we as a country must continue to encourage and demand our children to reach for the full measure of their potential and ambitions through education; and

**WHEREAS**, each February we recognize African American History Month to reflect upon how far we have come as a Nation and community and what challenges remain; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for African American History Month 2019 is “Black Migrations”, and focuses on “the movement of African Americans to new destinations and subsequently new social realities”; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR LEE POSEY**, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches hereby proclaim February 2019 as

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

in the City of Natchitoches and call upon all the citizens of Natchitoches to honor and respect the significant contributions African Americans have made to our City and Nation.

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

**AYES:           Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:           None**  
**ABSENT:       None**  
**ABSTAIN:      None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to  
0 Nays on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Mr. Harrington at the Natchitoches City Council meeting held on February 11, 2019 as follows:

**ORDINANCE NO. 003 OF 2019**

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

**TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING:** Lot 17-A Of A Resubdivision Of Lots 16, 17, 18 And A Portion Of Lot 15, Block C Of East Natchitoches Addition As Shown On Map Slide 413-A and for variances of the side and front yard setbacks.

(433A East Third St.)

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission of the City of Natchitoches, State of Louisiana, has recommended at their meeting of **February 5, 2019** that the application of Christine & Andy Ferrell to rezone the property described above from R-1 Multiple-Family Residence District to R-2 Multiple-Family Residence District, to convert grandfathered dwelling for use as a duplex and single-family residence, be **APPROVED**.

Mayor Posey stated he is excited to see the before and after of this project. There has been a lot of revitalization in this area and we hope this continues.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 001 OF 2019**

**AN ORDINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, THAT THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs ENTER INTO A LEASE OF A 125 ACRE TRACT AT THE NATCHITOCHEs SEWER TREATMENT PLANT FOR HAY OPERATIONS WITH MCNEELY CATTLE, LLC, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, LEE POSEY, TO EXECUTE SAID LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHEs, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of a tract of land situated in Sections 20, 29 and 30, Township 9 North, Range 6 West, which is the location of the Natchitoches Sewer Treatment Plant and a shooting range currently used by the City of Natchitoches Police Department; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, approximately 125 acres of the above described property is not currently in use as a portion of the Sewer Treatment Plant or shooting range and is not currently being used by the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS FURTHER**, the City of Natchitoches has negotiated a Hayfield Lease with McNeely Cattle, LLC (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “McNeely”), and is of the opinion that McNeely will satisfactorily fulfill its obligations under the lease, and is of the opinion that a lease should be entered into for a five year term with McNeely; and

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

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

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, that the Council is of the opinion that the hay field rights are not needed by the City for any public purpose, but are a potential source of revenue if leased.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Lee Posey, Mayor of the City of Natchitoches, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a lease agreement with McNeely Cattle, LLC, for hay field operations, all in substantial compliance with the lease agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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

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

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

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

**THIS ORDINANCE** was introduced on January 14, 2019 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on January 17, January 24 and January 31, 2019.

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:           Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:           None**  
**ABSENT:       None**  
**ABSTAIN:      None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

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**DON MIMS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Delivered to the Mayor on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 007 OF 2019**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE  
AND ACCEPT BIDS FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SUPPLIES**

**(BID NO. 0615)**

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to advertise for Public Bids for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0615).

**WHEREAS**, sealed proposals shall be addressed to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Director of Purchasing, P. O. Box 37, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71458 or received at the City of Natchitoches Purchasing Department, 1400 Sabine Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Natchitoches will accept sealed and electronic bids for the project until 2:00 pm on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, 1400 Sabine Street; and

**WHEREAS**, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 pm, on Friday, March 8, 2019 held at the above mentioned Office of the Director of Purchasing; and

**WHEREAS**, upon receipt of proposals, the committee members consisting of Shawna Straub, Acting Finance Director; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Charles Brossette, Utility Director; and Sylvia Morrow, Councilwoman, 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 Lee Posey, Mayor, be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to order the publication of the above bid.

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

**AYES:           Batiste, Nielsen, Mims, Harrington, Morrow**  
**NAYS:           None**  
**ABSENT:       None**  
**ABSTAIN:      None**

**THEREUPON**, Mayor Lee Posey declared the Resolution passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

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**LEE POSEY, MAYOR**

