



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

MINUTES

NOTICE/MINUTES

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

PRESENT

Mayor Staci Mitchell

Polk Brian

Morgan Buxton

Thom Hamilton

Rodney Welch

Ben Westerburg

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Recognitions/Presentations

City of West Monroe Employee's were recognized for their years of service.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Resolution 844: Resolution to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (for audit engagements of government agencies) for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5352: Ordinance to authorize execution of an Engagement Letter with Cameron, Hines & Company, CPAs, to conduct agreed-upon procedures for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5353: Ordinance to authorize execution of an Engagement Letter with Cameron, Hines & Company, CPAs, to conduct agreed-upon procedures for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana Housing Authority, for the fiscal year of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 5354: Ordinance to authorize acceptance of a Louisiana Economic Development Ready Community Grant Award Agreement (\$10,000 for improvements to Kiroli Park and Highland Park Wetland Trails).

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Brian.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5355: Ordinance to amend Chapter 9 of Part 12 of the Code of Ordinances regulating "Vacant Structures", and in particular to amend Sec. 12-9001(5) so as to also provide authority to act to the Deputy Director and to update the designation of the Department of Building and Development; to amend Sec. 12-9004(a) in order to update the amount of the applicable registration fee; to delete former Sec. 12-9007(2) and correspondingly re-number former Sec. 12-9007(3) and 12-9007(4); and to enact new Sec. 12-9007(4) in order to provide that contracting with a design professional may provide additional time for which a waiver of fees is applicable.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Brian.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

LEGAL

Ordinance 5356: Ordinance to authorize an amendment to the existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Communications District ("OP911") which will release 0.157 acres of the Coleman Street property which is provided by the City.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5357: Introduce Ordinance to authorize the sale of certain immovable property to KVS, LLC (Karl Dhaliwal, et al) of an additional 0.157 acres adjoining the lot purchased on Coleman Street which will improve access to the proposed store to be considered.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Welch.

Ordinance 5358: Ordinance to authorize acceptance of a transfer of property from Nile of Louisiana, Inc (Omar Elgourani) in lieu of further action by Code Enforcement (lots at 111 Austin Avenue).

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5359: Ordinance to amend Sec 2-1003(d), to reflect the assignment of certain previously annexed properties to the proper Board of Aldermen voting districts.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5360: Ordinance to amend Sec. 11-4027.1 (a)(1)d. and (3)c., and Sec. 11-4027.2 (a)(3)c. of the Code of Ordinances, relative to ignition interlock devices; to make technical changes; and to provide for a change in time periods that a driver is required to have an ignition interlock.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Otis St Fire Station Driveway Repair - City Project #000318

Authorize solicitation for bids (estimated cost: \$100,000).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Project Updates

Joshua D. Hays, P.E., M.S.C.E. (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage and more.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

ATTEST:


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CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR