

BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 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 invocation was offered by Alderman Ben Westerburg.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5147: Ordinance to authorize the City of West Monroe, Louisiana to sell certain immovable property (Lot 4F of the Resubdivision of West Monroe Commercial Park) to KVS, LLC (Karl Dhaliwal) - \$685,200.00. Introduced at February 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

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

<u>Resolution 811</u>: Resolution to authorize Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor, to waive and/or reject Uninsured Motorist coverage on any and all insurance policies and/or coverage for the City.

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

LEGAL

<u>Ordinance 5163</u>: Ordinance to amend Sec. 9-3005 of the Code of Ordinances, to include an electric charging station as an area of restricted parking.

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

Ordinance 5164: Ordinance to authorize the publication of Notice of Intention to establish the West Monroe Hotel Corridor Economic Development District, and to set its boundaries; and to publish Notice of Intention to levy an ad valorem property tax within the District.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Welch. Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg PAGE 2 COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 21, 2023

Ordinance 5165: Ordinance to authorize the publication of Notice of Intention to establish the West Monroe ISF Hotels Economic Development District, and to set its boundaries; and to publish Notice of Intention to levy a hotel occupancy tax within the District.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

N. 6th Street Sidewalks FY2023 DOTD TAP - Project #000219

<u>Ordinance 5166</u>: Ordinance to authorize the filing of an application for grant to LaDOTD Transportation Alternatives Program.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Welch.

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

New Kiroli Road Bridge Over North Tupawek Bayou, Planning & Construction - Project #000175

Accept/Reject bids. The bids were as followed:

VENDOR NAME	BID AMOUNT
Hendrick Construction	\$1,725,295.95
Merrick, LLC	\$1,224,740.00
Womack & Sons Construction	\$1,237,704.00

Motion to authorize the acceptance and award of bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, subject to concurrence of construction contract award by Louisiana Facility Planning and Control made by Buxton, Seconded by Brian.

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

Constitution Dr. - Short Constitution Rehab - State Project #H.014689 - City Project #000169

Approve Notice of Award to Amethyst Construction, Inc. as lowest responsive bidder.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

New Sidewalks for safe access to Kiroli Elementary School and Kiroli Park, also known as Tupawek Estates Sidewalks - Project #000208

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ \$17,296.00; + 15 days) with C W & W Contractors, Inc.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.

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

Cypress/Slack Sanitary Sewer Improvements (FY 2021 DRA) - Project #000174

Authorize Change Order No. 2 (+ \$10,802.90; + 5 days) with JABAR Corporation.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Welch.

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

Endom Bridge Approach Realignment - State Project #H.012279 - City Project #000109

Resolution 812: Resolution to accept State Project No. H.012279, Endom Bridge Approach Realignment.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Buxton.

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

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CDBG-MIT Flood Acquisition Program (WM Buyouts Round 2) - Project #CP0072

Ordinance 5167: Ordinance to authorize execution of "Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Between State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Office of Community Development ("OCD") and Road Home Corporation dba Louisiana Land Trust and City of West Monroe for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Buyout Program".

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

Project Updates

Robbie L. George, IV, P.E. (S.E. Huey, Co.) and Joshua D. Hays, P.E., M.S.C.E. (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage, water and other.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

CHRISTEN HEATH

CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL

MAYOR