

### **BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 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 Morgan Buxton Thom Hamilton Rodney Welch Ben Westerburg

#### **ABSENT**

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The meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Ryan Lowe of Christ Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boley Student of the Year, Emri Walker.

## **Motion to Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

### ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5534: Ordinance to authorize acceptance of a proposal from Frye Magee, LLC for Environmental Review services (relates to the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program and the Homebuyer Assistance Program for the Make-a-Difference (MAD) grant).

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

## LEGAL

Ordinance 5535: Ordinance to authorize an Agreement To Purchase and Sell for the sale of certain immovable property to Ouachita Group, LLC (\$30,000 for a portion of the Natchitoches St right of way for development as office parking).

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

Ordinance 5536: INTRODUCE Ordinance to declare certain immovable property to be surplus (a portion of the Natchitoches St right of way), and to be sold for \$30,000 to Ouachita Group, LLC for development as office parking.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Westerburg.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> on the proposed expansion to the boundaries of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, and the levy of a sales tax and a hotel occupancy tax within the expanded area of the District.(Introduced at 10/21/25 meeting)

There were no public comments.

Ordinance 5537: Ordinance to authorize the expansion of the boundaries of the West Monroe Economic Development District, State of Louisiana; extending the levy of a sales tax and a hotel occupancy tax within the expanded area of the District; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

### PARKS AND RECREATION

Motion to add to the Agenda an Ordinance to authorize execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry on behalf of the Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Board for a grant benefiting the Ike Hamilton Expo Center (\$21,000 for 2 John Deere Gator TX Golf Carts).

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

Ordinance 5538: Ordinance to authorize execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry on behalf of the Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Board for a grant benefiting the Ike Hamilton Expo Center (\$21,000 for 2 John Deere Gator TX Golf Carts).

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

# **ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

New Black Bayou Stormwater Pumping Station - City Project #000228

<u>Ordinance 5539</u>: Ordinance to authorize the modification of the existing agreement for grant administration services with Grant Support, LLC to also include a required addendum providing Compliance Provisions for CDBG-DR Rider For Professional Services Contracts.

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

Well #10 GAC Replacement - CWEF FY23-24, State Project #2324-CWEF-OCH-0401, City Project #000230

Ordinance 5540: Ordinance to authorize the execution of a contract with the Louisiana Division of Administration relating to the receipt of \$46,667.00 in CWEF funding from FY 2023-2024 State Appropriated Funds for use for Potable Water Improvements.

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

New Drago Street Sanitary Sewer Force Main (South 11th) - FY23-24 LGAP, State Project #2324-OCH-0401, City Project #000200

Ordinance 5541: Ordinance to authorize the execution of a contract with the Louisiana Division of Administration relating to the receipt of \$30,000.00 in LGAP funding from FY 2023-2024 State Appropriated Funds for use for Sewer Improvements.

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

Sunshine Heights Drainage Improvements - State Project #50-MV2-22-02, City Project #C22024

Authorize Change Order No. 3 for Kepper Trucking & Dirt Contracting, LLC (+ \$9,402.63, + 14 days) subject to concurrence with the Office of Facility Planning and Control.

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

New Drago Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station - State Project #50-MV2-21-01, City Project #000180

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ \$160,714.82, + 0 days) with Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.

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

North 7th Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path (Arkansas Road to Otis Street) - City Project #000121

Authorize Change Order No. 3 (+ \$1,225.20; + 0 days) with CW&W Contractors, Inc.

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

North 7th Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path (Arkansas Road to Otis Street) - City Project #000121

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with CW&W Contractors, Inc.

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

<u>Resolution 870</u>: Resolution to approve the City of West Monroe Sanitary Sewer System Risk and Resilience Assessment.

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

### **Project Updates**

Jonathan Kaufman, City Project Manager, Director of Building & Development.

#### **ADJOURN**

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

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL

**MAYOR**