

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, FOR A STATES' ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECT (SEDAP) GRANT FROM THE DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE PROJECT "COTTON STREET (PINE STREET TO WOOD STREET) UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT", INCLUDING A COMMITMENT FOR THAT PORTION OF THE PROJECT COSTS TO BE FUNDED BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE; AND, IF AWARDED, TO ENTER INTO A GRANT CONTRACT AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL FURTHER DOCUMENTATION EITHER NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO ACCEPT THAT GRANT, AND THEREAFTER PROCEED WITH THAT PROJECT; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the submission for a States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) grant from the Delta Regional Authority for the project "Cotton Street (Pine Street to Wood Street) Utility Improvement Project", estimating the total project cost as \$611,000.00, with the requested grant amount being \$488,800.00 and committing to a contribution by the City of \$122,200.00 (20% of the total project cost); with that project being further described as improving water and sewer utilities along Cotton Street between Pine Street and Wood Street, which will increase utility capacity and reduce service disruptions to businesses, ensuring uninterrupted commerce; and noting the return on this investment will likely begin within months of completion, and further noting this investment will attract businesses and new development to the downtown area.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that if the grant is awarded, Staci Albritton Mitchell, as the Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby further authorized to then enter into the Grant Contract with the Delta Regional Authority for the proposed project "Cotton Street (Pine Street to Wood Street) Utility Improvement Project", and to execute any and all further documentation either necessary or appropriate to accept that grant, including any further commitment for that portion of the project costs to be funded by the City of West Monroe, and thereafter to proceed with that project, all according to the terms, conditions and provisions required of the formal grant agreement.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as the Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, to execute any and all documents determined by her to either necessary or desirable in connection with the application for the grant and, if awarded, in connection with the grant contract, and to thereafter further do and perform any and all other matters and take any and all other actions in order to fulfill all of the terms and conditions of any grant agreement awarded.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as the Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is here designated and appointed the agent of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to the grant application, any commitment agreement and any amendments, and any reports which may be necessary or desirable as relates to the application for grant funding for the aforementioned project, as well as undertaking any and all efforts that could result in receipt of additional grant or other funding which could reduce the financial obligation of the City.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passes and adopted this 20th day of June, 2023, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 20TH DAY OF
JUNE, 2023

CHRISTEN HEATH, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA