

## **BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING**

# Tuesday, August 16, 2022 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**

Polk Brian

The invocation was offered by Mr. Ben Westerburg. The pledge was led by all members of the Council.

#### **Motion to Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

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

#### **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

<u>Resolution 796</u>: Resolution to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (for audit engagements of government agencies) for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.

Voting Yea: Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

<u>Resolution 797</u>: Resolution to approve submission of a Federal NTIA Broadband Grant Application for middle mile fiber.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Welch.

Voting Yea: Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

<u>Ordinance 5097</u>: Ordinance to authorize the sale of certain immovable property to Marion State Bank (lot in Highland Park Commercial Subdivision). **Introduced at July 19, 2022 Council Meeting.** 

Voting Yea: Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

<u>Ordinance 5098</u>: Ordinance to grant right-of-way to Entergy Louisiana, LLC to provide electric service to the West Monroe Sports and Events Complex. **Introduced at July 19, 2022 Council Meeting.** 

Voting Yea: Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

<u>Ordinance 5105</u>: Ordinance to authorize execution of a Memorandum Of Understanding with the Ouachita Parish School Board to provide sheltering at the Ike Hamilton Expo in the event of emergency evacuations.

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

#### **LEGAL**

<u>Ordinance 5106</u>: Ordinance to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with KVS, LLC relating to the planned extension of the water distribution system at the intersection of Arkansas Road and Good Hope Road. Project #C23003

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

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Accept/Reject Bids for Knuckle-Boom Trash Loader

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

#### **POLICE/FIRE**

<u>Ordinance 5107</u>: Ordinance to authorize execution of the 2023 Louisiana Highway Safety Grant Agreement and Contract for FFY 2023.

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

## **ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Good Hope Road Water Extension - Project #C23003

<u>Ordinance 5108</u>: Ordinance to authorize approval of proposal with Lazenby & Associates for Engineering and CE&I.

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

Indoor Sports Complex CMAR - Project #000179

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ \$137,090.00; 0 days) with Lincoln Builders of Ruston, Inc.

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

<u>Cypress/Slack Sewer Improvements (DRA)</u> - Project #000174

Accept or reject bids.

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

## **Project Updates**

Engineer from Lazenby & Associates, Inc. presented the City Council with project updates. Robert L. George, IV, P.E. (S.E. Huey Co.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation,

drainage, water and other, as well as presented a presentation of a report for the Mid-City Drainage

project(s).