



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 07, 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

Polk Brian
Morgan Buxton
Thom Hamilton
Rodney Welch
Ben Westerburg

ABSENT

Mayor Staci Mitchell

The meeting was opened with prayer by First Methodist Church Pastor Chris Winterman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor's Youth Council member and WOHS Senior RaeLea Grace.

Recognitions/Presentations

City of West Monroe Employees were recognized for their years of service.

Mayor's Review

PUBLIC NOTICE: The "Make A Difference (MAD)" program application will be available for review at the West Monroe City Hall water counter each weekday beginning Thursday, May 9, 2024, through Wednesday, May 15, 2024, between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5317: Ordinance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Northeast Louisiana Economic Alliance (NELEA).

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Westerburg.

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

Resolution 840: Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Buxton.

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

ADD TO AGENDA: Ordinance to authorize application for a grant from the La Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for a FY 2024/2025 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funding of the proposed "Make A Difference (MAD)" Community Improvements Project.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

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

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Ordinance 5318: Ordinance to authorize application for a grant from the La Division of Administration, Office of Community Development, for a FY 2024/2025 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funding of the proposed "Make A Difference (MAD)" Community Improvements Project.

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

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 5319: Ordinance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Billy R. Golson regarding certain assistance to be provided on required business improvements in exchange for the annexation of property.

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

Ordinance 5320: Ordinance to annex property located at 4326 Cypress Street (Parcel #20737 & #20738), West Monroe. Billy Ransom Golson and Sara H. Golson, applicant. Received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.

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

Ordinance 5321: Ordinance to rezone property located at 404 Woodrow Street, West Monroe, from a R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to a B-3 (General Business) District. Assessor parcel #79409. The Truck Stop LLC, applicant. Received a favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission.

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

On consideration of a variance or waiver of the distance requirement for alcohol sales requested by Signature Nails and Beauty, LLC for a restaurant to be located at 813 Cypress Street (within 300 feet of a church or school), with the primary revenue to be from food sales, and pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-2009(b) of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and receipt of a favorable recommendation from the Board of Adjustments, it is:

RESOLVED, that subject to these conditions and limitations, Signature Nails and Beauty, LLC is granted a waiver of the distance restrictions from a church or school for the retail sale of beer and wine or other beverages of low alcoholic content for on-premises consumption at the proposed restaurant business to be operated by Signature Nails and Beauty, LLC at the location of the existing structure at the property at 813 Cypress Street, West Monroe, Louisiana (Ouachita Parish Assessor parcel #36587), but only in conjunction with a meal and only for as long as the overall primary revenue received from the operation of the restaurant business is from prepared food sales.

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

Ordinance 5322: Ordinance to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Office of Community Development and the Road Home Corporation d/b/a Louisiana Land Trust regarding their voluntary buyout and housing incentive program, and the subsequent transfers to the City of restricted parcels following the demolition of structures.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Stella Mill Street Gravity Sewer Main - City Project #000231

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ \$15,481.68; 0 days) with Jabar Corporation.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

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

Stella Mill Street Gravity Sewer Main - City Project #000231

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with Jabar Corporation.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.

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

Trenton Street Shared-Use Path - State Project #H.015660 - City Project #000218


Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering services. **TAKE NO ACTION**

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Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Brian.

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

ATTEST:


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CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


THOM HAMILTON
MAYOR PRO TEM