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RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City, on SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein pursuant to the proposition submitted at said special election (the "Proposition"), and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of 283 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the Proposition and a total of 294 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition, resulting in a majority of 11 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A Procès Verbal of the canvass of the returns of said election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 7th day of May, 2024.

City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the West Monroe Council Chambers, 2305 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, April 27, 2024, with a quorum being present, did examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition to wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE)

Shall the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), levy a special tax of 4.75 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation in the City for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033 (an estimated \$866,593 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of paying capital expenditures related to the Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments of the City?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **283** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **294** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of **11** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election.

Results by precinct are available from the City Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at West Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 7th day of May, 2024.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana (the "City"), do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of the proceedings and *Procès Verbal* made by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on May 7, 2024, providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City on Saturday, April 27, 2024, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at West Monroe, Louisiana, on this, the 7th day of May, 2024.

City Clerk