



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 05, 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

Mayor Staci Mitchell
Polk Brian
Thom Hamilton
Rodney Welch
Ben Westerburg

ABSENT

Morgan Buxton

The meeting was opened with prayer by Church of the Redeemer Pastor Steve Wilkins. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 1058.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Brian.

Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Recognitions/Presentations

A Proclamation declaring the week of March 10 - March 16 as **AMERICORPS WEEK** in the City of West Monroe, and a Resolution proclaiming March 19 as **MAIN STREET DAY** in the City of West Monroe.

Caroline Joslin was recognized as West Monroe High School's Student of the Year.

Celine Flores-Robinson with North Delta Regional Planning and Development District provided the Council with an update on the Safe Streets 4 All safety action plan.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5289: Ordinance to authorize agreement with Will Source Staffing and Recruiting.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Westerburg.

Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5290: Ordinance to authorize the purchase of certain immovable property located at 117 N. Riverfront Street from Ouachita Group, LLC for \$302,000, and to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ouachita Group, LLC regarding construction of certain public parking.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Brian.

Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5291: Ordinance to authorize the purchase of certain immovable property located at 1117 North 8th Street from MISC Properties, LLC for \$9,934.27.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Welch.

Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 5292: Ordinance to annex property located at 103 Frantom Lane, West Monroe (Parcels #41217 and #130181), James A. McIntosh, applicant. Received a **favorable** review from the Planning Commission.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Ordinance 5293: Ordinance to authorize execution of a Vegetation Management Agreement with EDKO, LLC.

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

Ordinance 5294: Introduce Ordinance to declare certain movable property surplus, and to be sold to Plunk's Wrecker Service (salvage WMPD vehicle).

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Welch.

Ordinance 5295: Introduce Ordinance to enter into an exchange agreement with Louisiana K-9, and to exchange a canine officer vehicle no longer utilized by the West Monroe Police Department for a trained police canine acceptable to the West Monroe Police Department together with receipt of appropriate training of the canine and assigned canine officer.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Hamilton.

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Stella Mill Street Gravity Sewer Main - City Project #000231

Authorize solicitation of letter bids for emergency sewer repairs at the Stella Mill Street gravity sewer main.

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

Constitution Dr. - Short Constitution Rehab - State Project #H.014689 - City Project #000169

Authorize Change Order No. 3 (- \$18,363.38; + 0 days) with Amethyst Construction, Inc.

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

Constitution Dr. - Short Constitution Rehab - State Project #H.014689 - City Project #000169

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with Amethyst Construction, Inc.

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

New Drago Sanitary Sewer Force Main (South 11th Street) - City Project #000200

Authorize City Clerk to advertise for bids.

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

FY23 Mid-City Drainage Improvements, Phase 1 - City Project #C22019

Ordinance 5296: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering Services.

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

Cypress Detention South - City Project #000209

Ordinance 5297: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering Services.

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

New Kiroli Road Bridge Over North Tupawek Bayou, Planning & Construction - City Project #000175

Ordinance 5298: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with Neel Schaffer Engineers for certain traffic engineering services.

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

Black Bayou Canal Improvements (Thomas Road Area) - EDA - City Project #000221

Ordinance 5299: Ordinance to authorize acceptance of award.

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


Project Updates

Robbie L. George, IV, P.E. (S.E. Huey Co.) and Joshua D. Hays, P.E., M.S.C.E. (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage and more.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:


CINDY EMORY
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR