

BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

MINUTES

NOTICE/MINUTES

PRESENT Mayor Staci Mitchell Polk Brian Morgan Buxton Thom Hamilton Rodney Welch Ben Westerburg

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mayor Staci Mitchell who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Recognitions/Presentations

City employees were recognized for years of service.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

<u>Resolution 857</u>: Public hearing was held and the determination of action relating to application for industrial property tax exemption by Bancroft Bag, Inc, resulted in a resolution to approve the application.

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

<u>Ordinance 5464</u>: Ordinance to authorize additional funding of up to \$7,000 toward administrative/consulting services provided by Atlas Studios for the Make-A-Difference (MAD) grant.

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

LEGAL

<u>Ordinance 5465</u>: Ordinance to amend Sec. 8-2037 of the Code of Ordinances relative to Adopt-A-Spot and Adopt-A-Road programs.

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

<u>Ordinance 5466</u>: Ordinance to authorize the purchase the Assignment of a Grant of Temporary Construction Right of Use over certain immovable property located at 121 Royal St from MISC Properties, LLC for \$7,000.00 (provides construction access for the New Drago Street Sewer Lift Station).

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

PUBLIC WORKS

<u>Ordinance 5467</u>: Ordinance to authorize execution of a Vegetation Management Agreement with EDKO, LLC (Contract price \$144,000).

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

<u>Kiroli Rd Sidewalks and Ped Improvements</u> - (Transportation Alternatives Program) State Project #H.013371, City Project #000130

<u>Ordinance 5468</u>: Ordinance to authorize an Entity/State Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

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

North 3rd Street Improvements - City Project #C23013

Authorize Change Order No.1 with Bentz Construction Group, LLC (-31,081.17; +130 days).

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

North 3rd Street Improvements - City Project #C23013

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with Bentz Construction Group, LLC.

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

Project Updates

Jonathan Kaufman, City Project Manager, Director of Building & Development provided project updates.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELI MAYOR