



PUBLIC HEARING FOR AD VALOREM TAX

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Public Comments: Any person present who wishes to comment should stand request an opportunity to comment. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, and the number of speakers may be limited on a subject.

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

PRESENT

Mayor Staci Mitchell
Polk Brian
Morgan Buxton
Thom Hamilton
Rodney Welch

ABSENT

Ben Westerburg

To consider levying additional millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

ADJOURN

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

BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 06, 2024 at 6:05 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
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Thom Hamilton
Rodney Welch

ABSENT

Ben Westerburg

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Pastor Carey Davis. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Highland Elementary First Grader Ransom Murphy.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Mayor Mitchell presented a proclamation to Skyjacker Suspensions, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Skyjacker Suspensions, continuing to provide innovative products and excellent service to not only the residents of the City of West Monroe and our region, but also throughout North America and Europe.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were presented with LMA Community Achievement Awards for the Indoor Sports Facility and its contribution to the Community.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5361: Ordinance to adopt the adjusted millage rate for the general alimony ad valorem property tax.

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

Ordinance 5362: Ordinance to roll forward the general alimony adjusted millage rate.

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

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 5363: Ordinance to rezone property located at 118 N. Hilton Street, West Monroe, from O-L (Open Land) District to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) District. Assessor parcel #101491. BAH Nathan Village Ltd., applicant. Received a **favorable** recommendation by the Planning Commission.

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

LEGAL

Public Hearing on the proposed creation of the West Monroe Riverfront Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, and the levy of a one percent (1%) sales tax therein.

Ordinance 5364: Ordinance to create the West Monroe Riverfront Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; defining the boundaries thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

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

Ordinance 5365: Ordinance to authorize the levy of a one percent (1%) sales tax within the West Monroe Riverfront Economic Development District, State of Louisiana, directing that such sales tax in the District will be used to provide funds for economic development projects in accordance with and as authorized by Part II of Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

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

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Ordinance 5366: Ordinance to approve Letter of Intent with Francis Energy Charging, LLC with regard to seeking grant funds for development of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.

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

Ordinance 5367: Ordinance to amend Section 11-4015(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances, relative to the crime of resisting an officer, to provide that obstruction includes failure to provide or display proper identification under certain circumstances.

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

Ordinance 5368: Ordinance to amend Section 11-4035 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to the penalties for possession or use of drug paraphernalia, to reduce the penalties relating to marijuana drug paraphernalia.

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

Ordinance 5369: Ordinance to enact Section 11-5016 of the Code of Ordinances, to define the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system, to provide applicable definitions of terms, to provide for certain exceptions and exclusions, and to establish the penalties for violations.

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

Ordinance 5370: Ordinance to enact Section 11-3001.1 of the Code of Ordinances, to create the crime of vandalizing, tampering with, or destroying a crime camera system; to provide for definitions.

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

Ordinance 5371: Ordinance to amend Sec. 11-4027 to 11-4027.6 of the Code of Ordinances, to amend "Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated" to "Operating a Vehicle While Impaired", to provide that impairment may be caused by alcohol or drugs or a combination, and to amend related provisions.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Acting as the West Monroe Housing Authority,

Resolution 846: Resolution to close the waiting list for the Housing Voucher Program.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Sewer Point Repair South 5th Street - City Project #000308

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with Amethyst Construction, Inc.

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

Otis St Fire Station Driveway Repair - City Project #000318

Ordinance 5372: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, approve Ordinance to accept awarded bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with the low bidder (BGW Construction, LLC - \$82,076.19).

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

Kiroli Park Trails - LWCF Grant - City Project #C24002

Authorization to advertise for bids.

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

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

Ordinance 5373: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering Services.

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

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CINDY EMORY
CITY CLERK

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR