



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 1, 2025 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

Morgan Buxton

Thom Hamilton

Rodney Welch

Ben Westerburg

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Lamar Anderson of Trenton Baptist Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Remy Allen of Boley Elementary.

The meeting was called to order and verified receipt of proper Notices of Service on or Waivers of Service by the Mayor and a majority of the Board, and the presence of a quorum.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Brian.

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

Recognitions/Presentations

Newly elected "Pet Mayor" Plumber the Cat was introduced to City Council.

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

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Resolution 862: Resolution to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire (for audit engagements of government agencies) for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Buxton.

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

Ordinance 5492: Ordinance to authorize execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury with respect to the operation of the West Monroe Recycling Center (funding from OPPJ - \$33,333.33/year for 3 years).

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 5493: Ordinance to rezone property located at - Commerce Street (Assessor Parcel #110452) from a B-1 (Transitional Business) District to a B-4 (Downtown Development) District. LACH Properties, LLC (Charles Anzelmo, et al) applicant. Received a FAVORABLE recommendation by the Planning Commission.

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

LEGAL

Resolution 863: Resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign and to file any and all necessary or appropriate matters with the Louisiana Motor Vehicle Commission with regard to the Boat & Outdoor Expo - 2025, together with authorizing the Mayor to also sign and/or file any and all other contracts or agreements she determines necessary or desirable which also relate to the Gar Rodeo and Boat & Outdoor Expo - 2025.

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

INTRODUCED Ordinance 5494: Ordinance to authorize the exchange of certain immovable property with Chris Johnson Construction, LLC (affecting a .451 acre surplus parcel owned by the City of West Monroe and a .459 acre parcel owned by Chris Johnson Construction, LLC).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.

Ordinance 5495: Ordinance to authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Stag Liuzza, LLC, Todd G. Newman, and the Law Office of Sally Dunlap Fleming, P.L.C., for legal services involving the investigation and, if determined appropriate, litigation relating to the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS").

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Ordinance 5496: Ordinance to authorize the filing of application(s) with the LA DOTD for grants under the Federal Transit Act and/or other applicable programs (West Ouachita Senior Center/Public Transit grant(s) for transit services - operating and/or capital - 49 CFR 5311, Formula Grant for Rural Areas and/or the Discretionary Capital Program, 49 CFR 5339).

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

POLICE/FIRE

Ordinance 5497: Ordinance to authorize acceptance of a donation from Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc. (previously utilized LifePak 12 monitor/defibrillator).

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

Ordinance 5498: Ordinance to authorize purchase of an E-One (Sunbelt) Rescue Pumper fire truck with necessary equipment from Sunbelt Fire, Inc for the amount of \$773,541.00.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Sunshine Heights Drainage Improvements (FPC) - State Project #50-MV2-22-02, City Project #C22024

Ordinance 5499: Ordinance to authorize the reaffirmation of the City's previous commitment of up to \$625,000 to the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control for the construction of the Sunshine Heights Drainage Improvements project.

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

Sunshine Heights Drainage Improvements (FPC) - State Project #50-MV2-22-02, City Project #C22024

Ordinance 5500: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and subject to the prior concurrence of the Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control, approve Ordinance to accept the low bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with the low bidder (Kepper Trucking & Dirt Contracting, LLC; \$1,953,258.92).

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

WWTP Reuse Facility Discharge and Pond Outfall Modifications (DRA-CIF) - State Project #LA-9645, City Project #250011

Ordinance 5501: Ordinance to authorize the acceptance of a Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) grant from the Delta Regional Authority for the project "WWTP Reuse Facility Discharge and Pond Outfall Modifications" (\$1,559,009 grant award, \$659,834 city match).

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

MOTION TO ADD TO AGENDA:

New Fishing Pier Addition - Riverfront Park - City Project #C23014

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with D and L of Ouachita, Inc.

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Project Updates

Jonathan Kaufman, City Project Manager, Director of Building & Development presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage, and more.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA PATE
CITY CLERK

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR