



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe**

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**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 Police Chief Jason Pleasant. The Girl Scouts of Troup 34 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

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

**Recognitions/Presentations**

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

**ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

Ordinance 5578: Ordinance to enter into a contract with Paymentus Corporation to obtain the use of their integrated electronic online bill payment services.

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

**BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Ordinance 5579: Ordinance to authorize acceptance of the assignment of certain water servitude agreements and to accept the transfer and donation of certain improvements located thereon in order to provide water service to BAH Nathan Village, Ltd.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Ordinance 5580: Ordinance to authorize execution of a Vegetation Management Agreement with EDKO, LLC (Contract price \$161,500).

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ordinance 5581: Ordinance to declare certain movable property as surplus no longer needed for a public purpose, and to be sold at internet auction (decorative columns at West Monroe Convention Center).

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

**WMFD**

Ordinance 5582: Ordinance to authorize execution of a Service Agreement with GRAIL, Inc. for the provision of cancer screening examinations for eligible members of West Monroe Fire Department.

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

**ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

FY27 Federal Appropriations Request - Water System Improvements Project

Resolution 879: Resolution to submit Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Appropriations request to U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy (\$5,000,000 with city match up to a designated amount).

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

Kiroli Park Walking Trails - City Project #C24002

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with Benchmark Construction Group of LA, LLC.

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

**ADJOURN**

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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ANDREA PATE  
CITY CLERK

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STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL  
MAYOR