

BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 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 Alderman Ben Westerburg. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Staci Mitchell.

Motion to Approve Minutes

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

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Brian.

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

Recognitions/Presentations

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

GrowNELA presentation by Rob Cleveland, President & CEO.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

ADD TO AGENDA:

Resolution to appoint Ben Westerburg as one of the members representing the City of West Monroe on the Ouachita Council of Governments.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

<u>Resolution 856</u>: Resolution to appoint Ben Westerburg as one of the members representing the City of West Monroe on the Ouachita Council of Governments.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

North 7th Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path (Arkansas Road to Otis Street) - City Project #000171

<u>Ordinance 5457</u>: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, approve Ordinance to accept that bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with that bidder. (CW&W Contractors, Inc; \$321,167.43)

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

Gulpha Drive & Maridale Drive Water Main Improvements - City Project #250008

Ordinance 5458: Ordinance to authorize the application and certification of required conditions and, if awarded, the execution of the required grant agreement from the Louisiana Department of Administration, Office of Community Development Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) for a 2025-2026 fiscal year grant relating to the "Gulpha Drive & Maridale Drive Water Main Improvements" project.

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

Gulpha Drive & Maridale Drive Gravity Sewer Main Improvements - City Project #250009

Ordinance 5459: Ordinance to authorize the application and certification of required conditions and, if awarded, the execution of the required grant agreement from the Louisiana Department of Administration, Office of Community Development Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) for a 2025-2026 fiscal year grant relating to the "Gulpha Drive & Maridale Drive Gravity Sewer Main Improvements" project.

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

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ATTEST:	APPROVED:	
ANDREA PATE CITY CLERK	STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL MAYOR	