



BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 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 The Assembly's Community Pastor Jeremy Stickell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Highland Elementary's Student of the Year, Clyde Pepper.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Westerburg.

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

Recognitions/Presentations

West Monroe High School MAGNATech Robotics held a demonstration.

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

A proclamation was presented by Mayor Staci Albritton to Vicki Hilbun, Director of Community Services, for Older Americans Month.

A proclamation was presented by Mayor Staci Albritton to Chief Jason Pleasant for National Police Week, May 11-17th.

A proclamation was read by Mayor Staci Albritton for Small Business Week, May 4-10th.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5475: Ordinance to amend Section 7-2010.3(a)(2)(a) and (b) and Section 7-2010.4(a)(2)(a) and (b) of the Code of Ordinances, to correct an increase relating to sewer collection charges to be effective on July 1, 2025, and on July 1, 2026 for non-residential, commercial accounts.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Welch.

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

Ordinance 5476: INTRODUCE an ordinance to adopt a General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Budget for the City of West Monroe for the fiscal year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Welch.

Ordinance 5477: INTRODUCE an ordinance to adopt a Utility Enterprise Fund Budget for the City of West Monroe Utility Fund for the fiscal year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

LEGAL

Ordinance 5478: Ordinance to approve the Agreement To Purchase and Sell Vacant Land with 371 Exchange, LLC for the sale of vacant land (sale of 2.116+/- acres for \$135,600 to adjoining landowner on Exchange St for business expansion).

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

Ordinance 5479: INTRODUCE an ordinance to authorize the sale of vacant land to 371 Exchange, LLC (sale of 2.116+/- acres for \$135,600 to adjoining landowner on Exchange St for business expansion).

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Hamilton.

WMFD

Motion to approve Charles Huggins as interim fire chief.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

MOTION TO TABLE: Constitution Drive Improvements: Commercial Parkway to Short Constitution Drive - City Project #000311

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.

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

Project Updates

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA PATE
CITY CLERK

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR