



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 6, 2026 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
Rodney Welch
Ben Westerburg

ABSENT

Thom Hamilton

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Skip Dean of Highland Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by West Ridge Middle School student, Perry Bendily.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Recognitions/Presentations

The Mayor appointed Catherine Layfield Semmes to the position of City Attorney. Doug Caldwell and Lydia Holland Baugh are to stay on as Assistant City Attorneys.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Read aloud by the Mayor: Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the West Monroe Council Chambers, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein.

NOTICE: THIS MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED TO: Monday, February 2, 2026 at noon, 12:00 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ordinance 5558: Ordinance to declare certain moveable property as surplus, and to be sold by public internet auction (chairs at West Monroe Convention Center).

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

POLICE/FIRE

WMFD

Ordinance 5559: Ordinance to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury relating to the temporary use of the West Monroe Fire Department's reserve ladder fire truck in the event of the loss of use of fire apparatus by the Ouachita Parish Fire Department.

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

WMPD

Ordinance 5548: Ordinance to authorize the sale of certain movable property which is no longer needed for any public purpose from the West Monroe Police Department to Patriot Pawn, LLC. (Introduced at December 2, 2025 meeting and properly advertised thereafter)

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton at December 2, 2025 meeting.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5560: Ordinance to authorize the sale of his service firearm to retired Captain Vernon Pettengill.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

New Black Bayou Stormwater Pumping Station Project - City Project #000228

Ordinance 5561: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering Services.

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

Parkwood Sanitary Sewer Main Improvements (DRA-SEDAP) - City Project #250015

Ordinance 5562: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering Services.

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

New Drago Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station - City Project #000180

Authorize Change Order No. 2 (+ \$34,773.57; + 0 days) with Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.

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

Project Updates

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

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA PATE
CITY CLERK

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR