



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 5, 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 James Wolfe of Ridge Avenue Baptist Church and the pledge was led by the West Monroe All Stars 6USweeties, World Series Runner Up.

Motion to Approve Minutes

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

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Resolution 864: Resolution (updated) to continue to authorize the banking relationship and associated provisions with Origin Bank, and to establish signature authority. (Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem) AND (Finance Director or City Clerk)

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

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

Ordinance 5504: Ordinance to authorize a Consulting Services Agreement with Franklin Associates, LLC, to provide design, outreach, and implementation services relating to the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program and the Homebuyer Assistance Program for the Make-a-Difference (MAD) grant.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.

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

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Resolution 865: Resolution to appoint Garrah Rankin to the City of West Monroe Planning Commission, to serve the unexpired term of Tom Malmay (term expiring March 1, 2026).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

Ordinance 5505: Ordinance to rezone property located at 703, 704, and 707 N 4th Street (Assessor Parcels #1936, #1935, #1937) from a R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to a B-3 (General Business) District. Beebe Properties of Northeast Louisiana, LLC (Artie Beebe), applicant. Received a FAVORABLE recommendation from the Planning Commission.

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

LEGAL

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) (previously introduced at the July 1 meeting, properly advertised)

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton at July 1, 2025 meeting.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5506: Ordinance to amend Sec. 11-5032 of the Code of Ordinances, to prohibit the possession of "Kratom" and to establish the penalties for violation. (Kratom is now prohibited by State law, and this updates the ban enacted in West Monroe in January, 2025 to match those provisions)

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

Ordinance 5507: Ordinance to amend Section 11-4027.1 (Operating While Impaired - First Offense) and Section 11-4027.2 (Operating While Impaired - Second Offense) of the Code of Ordinances, to update the fines payable upon conviction.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

Ordinance 5508: Ordinance to authorize a joint funding agreement for water sources investigations with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior (annual agreement: \$21,590 City and \$7,600 USGS).

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

Ordinance 5509: Ordinance to authorize entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Slaughter, authorizing the purchase of a previously utilized 42" Asphalt Reclaiming/Trenching Machine System (including a 2019 Asphalt Zipper and 2020 Williamson Ocean trailer) for \$90,000.00.

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

WMPD

Ordinance 5510: Ordinance to authorize a program which will allow limited time use of crowd control barricades by others at a nominal cost when those barricades are not otherwise in use by the City.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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

Ordinance 5511: Ordinance to authorize an application for a States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP) grant from the Delta Regional Authority for the project "Parkwood Sanitary Sewer Main Improvements" (estimated total project cost of \$793,700 with the requested grant amount being \$500,000 and a \$293,700 contribution by the City - 37% of the total project cost).

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

Arkansas Road Utility Relocation (North 7th St to Otis St) - City Project #000213