



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 19, 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 led by Alderman Morgan Buxton and the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Staci Albritton.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

Recognitions/Presentations

The West Monroe West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce presented the proceeds of the fundraiser, A Night at Restoration Park, to the Keep West Monroe Beautiful group.

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

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Resolution 866: Resolution to state the endorsement of the application for a Restoration Tax Abatement for the building located at 200 Commerce by Ouachita Group, LLC.

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

Ordinance 5502: Ordinance to authorize a services agreement with Community Showcase Banners LLC relating to a sponsored custom-designed street banners program that will celebrate the 250th "birthday" of the United States throughout 2026 (will place decorative banners on City-owned lamp posts in the downtown area) (previously introduced at the July 15 meeting, properly advertised).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Brian at the July 15th meeting. Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5512: Ordinance to authorize an agreement which provides the terms of engagement for the law firm of Butler Snow, LLP to act as special economic development finance counsel for potential development projects to be explored.

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

Ordinance 5513: Ordinance to declare certain listed movable property as surplus, and to be sold by public internet auction; and further to enter into a services agreement with Henderson Auctions, LLC, to conduct that auction.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Julia Street Improvements (FY25-26) - State Project #50-MV2-25-01, City Project #250003

Ordinance 5514: Ordinance to authorize execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning & Control (FP&C) relating to the project "Julia Street Improvements, Planning and Construction (Ouachita)".

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

Jersey Street Improvements (FY25-26) - State Project #50-MV2-25-02, City Project #250004

Ordinance 5515: to authorize execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning & Control (FP&C) relating to the project "Jersey Street Improvements, Planning and Construction (Ouachita)".

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

South Riverfront Street Water Main Improvements (CWEF FY22-23) - State Project #2223-CWEF-OCH-0401, City Project #240001

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ \$1,550.00; + 0 days) with McLemore Service Contractors, LLC.

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

South Riverfront Street Water Main Improvements (CWEF FY22-23) - State Project #2223-CWEF-OCH-0401, City Project #240001

Authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion with McLemore Service Contractors, LLC.

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

Project Updates

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

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA PATE
CITY CLERK

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR