



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

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### 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 Highland Baptist Church Pastor Skip Dean. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Staci Mitchell.

##### Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2024 Special Council Meeting.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Westerburg.

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

#### ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5439: Ordinance to amend the West Monroe Sports and Events Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

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

Ordinance 5440: Ordinance to authorize an updated Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ouachita Green (3-year term).

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

Ordinance 5441: Ordinance to authorize an updated Agreement for Professional Services with Marcia Dickerson Consulting, to provide consulting services regarding human resources, leadership, and management.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Westerburg.

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

Ordinance 5434: Ordinance to declare certain immovable property (ponds south of Ike Hamilton Expo) to be surplus, and to be sold to Warhawk Enterprises, LLC for \$266,011.14. Introduced at December 12, 2024 meeting, properly advertised thereafter.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

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

#### BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance 5442: Ordinance to annex property located at 417 Thomas Road (Parcel #50488); Quarles Property LLC, applicant. Received a FAVORABLE recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Brian.

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

Ordinance 5443: Ordinance to rezone property located at 417 Thomas Road (Parcel #50488), from an O-L (Open Land) District to a B-3 (General Business) District. Quarles Property LLC, applicant. Received a FAVORABLE recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

Ordinance 5444: Ordinance to rezone property located at 203 Lincoln Street, West Monroe (Assessor Parcel #74648), from a B-3 (General Business) District to a R-2 (Multi-family Residential) District. Twin City Ventures, LLC (W. Shane Wooten) applicant. Received a FAVORABLE recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

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

## **LEGAL**

Ordinance 5445: Ordinance to correct and now properly amend Sec. 11-4027 to 11-4027.4 of the Code of Ordinances, earlier amended in Ordinance # 5371 (adopted August 6, 2024), to amend "Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated" to "Operating a Vehicle While Impaired", to provide that impairment may be caused by alcohol or drugs or a combination, and to now delete earlier erroneously amended Sec.11-4027.5(B)(3) and 11-4027.6(A)

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

Ordinance 5446: Ordinance to enact Sec. 11-5032 of the Code of Ordinances, Prohibiting the Sale or Distribution of Mitragynine Speciosa (sometimes referred to as "Kratom") effective February 1, 2025.

Public comments were heard.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Brian.

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

## **ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

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

Ordinance 5447: Ordinance to authorize execution of the Amended Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development (Water Sector Program-Sewer) relating to the project "New Drago Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station, Planning and Construction".

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Westerburg.

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

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

Ordinance 5448: Ordinance to authorize a commitment of up to \$1,365,558 for the construction of the New Drago Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station (Water Sector Funding: \$3,932,673).

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.

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

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

Ordinance 5449: Ordinance to authorize a commitment of up to \$1,365,558 for the construction of the New Drago Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station (Facility Planning & Control).

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

North 7th Street Bicycle/Pedestrian Path (Arkansas Road to Otis Street) - City Project #000121

Authorize City Clerk to advertise for bids.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.  
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.

**ADJOURN**

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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ANDREA PATE  
CITY CLERK

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STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL  
MAYOR