

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

# MINUTES

### **NOTICE/MINUTES**

### Call to order/Verification of Attendance

<u>PRESENT</u> Mayor Staci Mitchell Polk Brian Morgan Buxton Thom Hamilton Rodney Welch Ben Westerburg

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Chris Winterman of First Methodist Church, West Monroe. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kiroli Student of the Year, Gentry Aikens.

#### **Motion to Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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

#### ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

INTRODUCE: <u>Ordinance 5451</u> to authorize renewal of billboard leases with The Lamar Companies (3 leases along I-20).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

<u>Resolution 855</u>: Resolution to authorize issuance and advertisement of a request for proposals from consultants for management and administrative services required for the administration/implementation of the Make A Difference (MAD) Grant Program; to authorize acceptance of the selected proposal by the Mayor after review and recommendation.

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

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

<u>Ordinance 5452</u>: Ordinance to authorize the City to enter into the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Program of the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6.

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

<u>Ordinance 5453</u>: Ordinance to approve the Second Amendment to Waste Disposal Agreement with CWI-White Oaks Landfill, Inc, to modify the options to extend the term of that agreement.

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

#### **ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

#### VOTE TO ADD TO AGENDA:

Black Bayou Drainage Improvements - State Project #FEMA 016, City Project #000155

Ordinance to authorize a services contract for a Phase 1 Cultural Resources Survey with Wetlands Unlimited, LLC to provide needed professional services in order to fulfill the requirements of funding for the project.

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

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

Downing Pines Rd: Roundabout At Mane St - State Project #H.016019, City Project #000306

<u>Ordinance 5455</u>: Ordinance to authorize execution of an Entity/State Agreement with La DOTD for State Project No. H.016019, Downing Pines Rd: Roundabout At Mane St Ouachita Parish, and to authorize issuance of a Federal Funding Commitment Letter.

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

New Black Bayou Stormwater Pumping Station - City Project #000228

<u>Ordinance 5456</u>: Ordinance to authorize an agreement for grant administration services with Grant Support, LLC.

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

South Riverfront Street Water Main Improvements - State Project #2223-CWEF-OCH-0401, City Project #000201

Authorize solicitation for bids. (Estimated \$150,000)

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

Mane Street Rehabilitation - Phase 2 - State Project #H.013392; City Project #000143

Authorize Change Order No. 3 (+ \$10,155; + 0 days) with Diamond B Construction Company, LLC.

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

Natchitoches Street Rehabilitation (Trenton – N. 7th) - State Project # H.013400, City Project #000144

Authorize Change Order No. 11 (+ \$168.01; + 0 days) with Diamond B. Construction Co., LLC, subject to the availability of City funds and DOTD approval of the Change Order and DOTD funding of their share of the Change Order.

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

#### Project Updates

Robbie L. George, IV, P.E. (S.E. Huey Co.) and Brooke Edmondson (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage, and more.

## ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA PATE CITY CLERK STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL MAYOR