



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 02, 2024 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 Living Gospel Church Pastor Otis Holland. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor's Youth Council member and WMHS Senior Ava Williams.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 Special Council Meeting.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

Recognitions/Presentations

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

Proclamation presented to the WMWO Chamber of Commerce in honor of 68th Birthday Celebration.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Resolution 838: Resolution to adopt a Residential Anti Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

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

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Referred back to Planning Commission for review of newly presented documents: Ordinance to rezone a certain described tract located on Madison Street owned by Lynn James Properties, LLC pursuant to the application of Marty Bailey, Michele Evans & Scott Betz, so as to re-zone that tract from a R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to a R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) District. Received an **unfavorable** recommendation by the Planning Commission (4-1).

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Welch.

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

Resolution 839: Resolution to appoint Annanias Word to the City of West Monroe Planning Commission to serve unexpired term of David Michael Bishop, Jr., expiring March 1, 2025.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Hamilton.

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

WMPD

Ordinance 5294: Ordinance to declare certain movable property surplus, and to be sold to Plunk's Wrecker Service (salvage WMPD vehicle). **Introduced at the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting.**

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

Ordinance 5295: Ordinance to enter into an exchange agreement with Louisiana K-9, and to exchange a canine officer vehicle no longer utilized by the West Monroe Police Department for a trained police canine acceptable to the West Monroe Police Department together with receipt of appropriate training of the canine and assigned canine officer. **Introduced at the March 5, 2024 Council Meeting.**

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

Ordinance 5305: Ordinance to authorize the donation of various unneeded kitchen appliances and equipment from the former West Monroe City Jail to the Richland Parish Law Enforcement District.

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

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

West Monroe Sports Complex - Project #000179

Authorize Change Order No. 007 (- \$212,994.99; + 0 days) with Lincoln Builders of Ruston, Inc.

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

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

Ordinance 5306: Ratification of execution of contract with Diamond B Construction Company, LLC (\$1,779,689.55).

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

Kiroli Park Trails - LWCF Grant - City Project #C24002

Authorize solicitation of bids for tennis court improvements

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

North 3rd Street Improvements - FP&C Project #50-MV2-23-01 - City Project #C23013

Ordinance 5307: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, approve ordinance to accept that bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with that bidder (Engineer recommendation: Bentz Construction Group, LLC for its low bid of \$514,586.20).

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

Natchitoches Street Cross Drain Replacement - City Project #C23007

Ordinance 5308: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, approve ordinance to accept that bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with that bidder (Engineer recommendation: Bentz Construction Group, LLC, for its low bid of \$120,964.35).

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

Downtown Sanitary Sewer Improvements - 200 Block of Trenton St. - City Project #000305

Authorize solicitation of bids.

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

N. 6th Street Sidewalks FY2023 DOTD TAP - City Project #000219

Ordinance 5309: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with S.E. Huey Co. for Engineering Services.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CINDY EMORY
CITY CLERK

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR