



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe

MINUTES

NOTICE/MINUTES

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

PRESENT

Polk Brian
Morgan Buxton
Thom Hamilton
Rodney Welch

Mayor Staci Mitchell

ABSENT

Ben Westerburg

The meeting was opened with prayer by Zach Parker of the Church of the Redeemer and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Staci Mitchell.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

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

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

Winners of the spring Keep West Monroe Beautiful poster contest were awarded.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance 5588: Ordinance to authorize and execute Amendment #2 of the Consulting Services Agreement with Franklin Associates, LLC for additional third party inspection services within the scope of the project.

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

LEGAL

Ordinance 5589: Ordinance to authorize the Amendment of Section 10-3001 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Ambulance Services.

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

TABLED TO LATER DATE: Ordinance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the West Monroe Downtown Revitalization Group to provide the general understandings, provisions and agreements relating to activities and events where both the City and WMDRG are involved.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ordinance 5590: 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 Buxton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Hamilton, Welch

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Mid-City Drainage Improvements, Phase 2 - City Project #000226

Ordinance 5591: Ordinance to affirm City's commitment to fund all costs in excess of State funding for Mid-City Drainage Improvements, Phase 2.

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

Gulpha Drive/Maridale Drive Water Line Replacement (CWEF FY24-25) - City Project #250008

Ordinance 5592: Ordinance to authorize execution of contract for receipt of a grant from the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development FY24-25 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF).

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

Black Bayou Canal Improvements - Thomas Road Area (EDA) - City Project #000221

Ordinance 5593: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and SUBJECT TO EDA APPROVAL, to adopt an Ordinance to award the lowest bid that meets the plans and specifications, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with the low bidder (Benchmark Construction Group of LA, LLC ; \$2,983,606).

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

Cotton Street Water & Sewer Utility Improvements (Pine Street to Wood Street) - City Project #000312

Authorization to Advertise for Bids on the Cotton Street Utility Project (estimated cost \$922,747).

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

Crosley Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements - City Project # 000322

Authorize Change Order No. 1 (+ \$34,727.11; + 10 days) with Jabar Corporation

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

Project Updates

Jonathan Kaufman, City Project Manager, Director of Building and Development

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

ANDREA PATE
CITY CLERK

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR