

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2018

The City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in Council Chambers, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, August 21, 2018, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Timothy Larkin

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable Councilor Jeff Free, President, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr, Timothy Larkin, Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby and Thomas Harvey

Absent: Honorable Councilor Don Williams

Also Present: Mayor, Lorenz Walker, City Attorney, Jimmy Hall and City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve minutes August 7, 2018, Regular Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to add to the Agenda Item #12 under New Business - an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and Development and the City of Bossier City to construct Barksdale Air Force Base Access and Improvements for the interchange of Interstate 20 & 220.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters/ Recognition of Guests:

Mayor Walker reminded Council and audience about Legislative Update this evening.

Committee Reports:

Stacie Fernandez, Finance Director, gave Council and Mayor the Monthly Financial Report for Month ending July 2018. She noted that Sales Tax was still up over 7 percent.

Mark Hudson, City Engineer, updated Mayor and Council on status of various projects around the City. Discussion about bid dates for Walter O'Bigby Carriageway.

Unfinished Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 87 Of 2018

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE SEWER SUB-BASIN BC-10 REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 2 FOR A TOTAL OF \$513,400.00 TO COME FROM THE SEWER CONTINGENCY FUND

WHEREAS the final opinion of construction costs for the Sewer Sub-Basin BC-10 Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 is \$513,400.00. (see attachment *Sewer Sub Basin BC-10 Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 – Final Opinion of Construction Cost* for estimated detailed breakdown of the costs); and

WHEREAS, \$513,400.00 may be appropriated from the Sewer Contingency Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Council does hereby appropriate \$513,400.00 may be appropriated from the Sewer Contingency Fund to cover the construction costs for the Sewer Sub-Basin BC-10 rehabilitation Project Phase 2.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 88 OF 2018

AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO TO THE BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION WHERE THE CENTRAL LIBRARY, HISTORY CENTER AND PARKING LOT ARE LOCATED.

WHEREAS, While designing a renovation/addition to the Bossier Central Library it was discovered that parts of the land where the history center and the central library are owned by the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and Parish to correct this error so that in the event of a situation involving liability the ownership of the property is clear; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that the property described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto is hereby authorized to be transferred to the Bossier Parish Police Jury and Mayor Lorenz Walker is hereby authorized to execute a deed transferring the same and to execute any and all documents in conjunction therewith.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

Lots 63, 64, and 65, all in Section 28, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, as depicted on Plat of Survey made by George E. Dutton, recorded in Book 141, Page 81, Conveyance Records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, said lots being located in Lot 22 of Dillard Place Subdivision, as per map recorded in Book 32, Page 534, Conveyance Records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 89 Of 2018

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE SAVANNAH PLACE PS1 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR A TOTAL OF \$70,000.00 TO COME FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXIS CONSTRUCTION FOR WORK.

WHEREAS there have been reoccurring issues associated with electrical systems at the Savannah Place Station. Quotes were solicited to repair electrical components and enhance the site, fencing, and minor wet well repairs. Axis Construction, LLC submitted the lowest quote (\$58,500.00). Contingency to cover any unforeseen items was added bringing total to \$70,000.00 (see attached); and

WHEREAS, \$70,000.00 may be appropriated from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Council does hereby appropriate \$70,000.00 may be appropriated from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to cover the construction costs for the Savannah Place PS 1 Improvements Project and enter into a contract with Axis Construction for said work.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 90 Of 2018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center serves as a medical special needs shelter during emergency situations for the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this agreement begins, January 1, 2019 and ends December 31, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is authorized to execute the attached agreement between the City of Bossier City and Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services;

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby, and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 91 Of 2018

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER COST FOR THE BIG AIRLINE PUMP STATION LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR A TOTAL OF \$65,000.00 TO COME FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND.

WHEREAS, These funds will be used to replace trees and plant sod in the area disturbed by the construction process of the Big Airline Pump Station. Also included in this fund request is a 3 week watering schedule to ensure the vegetation is well established. Contingency to cover any unforeseen items was added bringing total to \$65,000.00 (see attached); and

WHEREAS, \$65,000.00 may be appropriated from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Council does hereby appropriate \$65,000.00 may be appropriated from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to cover the construction costs for the Big Airline Pump Station Landscaping Improvement Project.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 92 Of 2018

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED, PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DUE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPAIRS TO THE WATER

MAIN ON SHED ROAD AT A COST OF \$35,000.00 TO COME FROM WATER CAPITAL CONTINGENCY FUNDS

WHEREAS, Emergency repair to the water main was required when damage from the construction company working Shed Road occurred. The City worked to restore water service to the citizens along this alignment. and

WHEREAS, \$35,000.00 may be appropriated from the water capital contingency funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Council does hereby declare that an emergency exists and appropriates \$35,000.00 to come from the water capital contingency funds for repairs to the water main on Shed Road.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate funds to make repairs to four emergency pump/motors at the Water Treatment Plant at a cost of \$31,500.00 to come from the Water Capital and Contingency Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$34,616,723.42 from the 2015 LCDA Bond Fund to various designated funds within the City of Bossier City.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$250,000 from the 2018 EMS Capital and Contingency Fund to purchase 3 Chassis for Ambulance Remounts.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate funds to cover construction cost for the Golden Meadows Pump Station #2 Force Main Valve Rehab Project for a total of \$35,000.00 to come from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Public Hearing concerning Bossier City's application to the United States Department of Justice to participate in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Mr. Free called the hearing to order and asked for Public Comment. Hearing no comment, Mr. Free closed the hearing at 3:30 PM

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2018

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, any law enforcement initiative funded by the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program was implemented by H.R. 3036 and, in part, supports a broad range of law enforcement activities to prevent and control crime; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Bossier City possesses legal authority to apply for and receive a JAG grant award; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City will make application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a joint award, to be shared between the Parish and the City, under this authorization for the purpose of providing extended law enforcement services to the citizens of Bossier City, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Bossier City names the Chief of Police as his designee for the purpose of signing the grant application and other grant documents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City, in conjunction with the Bossier City Police Department, agrees to meet all grant requirements and to execute all proposed projects related thereto in a timely manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, hereby supports Mayor Lorenz Walker, Chief Executive

Officer of Bossier City, and Chief Patrick Shane McWilliams, Chief of Police, in making application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR WALKER TO SUBMIT A LOAN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND DESIGNATING STACIE FERNANDEZ AS THE PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING THIS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City is in need of improvements to its water distribution system whose PWS ID No. is LA1015004; and

WHEREAS, loans for this project may be available through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund program operated by the Louisiana Department of Health Office of Public Health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana that:

Section 1. Mayor Lorenz "Lo" Walker is hereby authorized to submit a Loan Application Form 100A and accompanying documents to the Department of Health on behalf of the City of Bossier City for the purpose of placing this project on

the Comprehensive Priority List for funding through the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program; and

Section 2. Mayor Lorenz “Lo” Walker is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be required in connection with the Loan Application; and

Section 3. Mrs. Stacie Fernandez is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative and is hereby given signature authority for all relative documents for the City of Bossier City for any project that may result from the submission of the Loan Application Form 100A and accompanying documents. Furthermore, Mrs. Stacie Fernandez representing the City of Bossier City is hereby given the power and authority to do all things necessary to implement, maintain, amend, and renew such documents relative to any such project.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 64 OF 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A UTILITY WORKER FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21 of 2018 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by any hiring of any personnel; and

WHEREAS, the position of Utility Worker is vacant due to retirement, promotion, resignation, or termination; and

WHEREAS, the administration and the department assures that all current budgets have been verified and that no authorized salary has been exceeded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to proceed with hiring procedures for the fulfillment of this position.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 21st, day of August, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Williams

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Report of Final Change Order for Wemple Road reconstruction contract price an increase of \$191,554.14. Total cost with Change Order \$1,630,482.20.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to Approve Report of Change Order for Mike Woods Park Renovation an increase of \$1,826.66. Total cost of contract with Change Order of \$225,526.66.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Department of Transportation and Development and the City of Bossier City to construct Barksdale Air Force Base Access and Improvements for the interchange of Interstate 20 & 220.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor is unanimous

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 3:35PM by Mr. Free

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk

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