

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

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, September 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Timothy Larkin

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable, President David Montgomery, Jr., Honorable Councilors Timothy Larkin, Jeffery Darby (virtual), Don Williams, Jeff Free and Thomas Harvey

Absent: Honorable Councilor Scott Irwin

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

City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw, read statement about where to watch meetings online, that some Council members may be joining remotely and gave a phone number for members of the public wishing to comment on items in the meeting could do so. Hearing no comments from the public watching virtually, the meeting continued.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve Minutes of the September 1, 2020, Regular Meeting and September 15, 2020 Special Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve Agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of guests-

Chris Ebersson, Somdal and Associates gave an update on the new Specialty downtown hospital groundbreaking which should begin in 60-90 days. He stated that Covid has slowed down progress.

Committee Reports –

Stacie Fernandez, City Finance Director, went over August Financials reporting that Sales Tax Collections were 6.1% down. Mr. Montgomery and Council congratulated Ms. Glorioso, Ms. Fernandez and her staff for their diligence in getting the City funding from the second round of Cares Act money.

Ben Rauschenbach, City Engineer, presented Council with a Powerpoint, going over the status of all Current City Projects.

Justin Haydel, Manchac, gave Council an updated timeline for the Walter O. Bigby Carriageway Project.

Unfinished Business –

ORDINANCE NO. 103 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN MOVABLE EQUIPMENT OWNED BY CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AS SURPLUS TO THE CITY’S NEED AND PROVIDE FOR SALVAGE AND DISPOSAL ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, the City has accumulated certain movable equipment which is now surplus to the City’s need and it is in the best interest of the City to salvage and dispose of said equipment according to law.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the following equipment described is surplus to the City’s needs:

DESCRIPTION REF. NO. SERIAL NUMBER DEPT. MILEAGE

- 1. See Attachment A
- 2. see Attachment B

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to dispose of said equipment in accordance to law.

The above and foregoing ORDINANCE was read in full at open and regular session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams seconded by Mr. Timothy Larkin and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery Jr, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**EQUIPMENT GOING TO
AUCTION**

ATTACHMENT A

UNIT #	MAKE/MODEL	MILEAGE	VIN# OR SN#
2446	2006 FORD F150	134104	1FTRX12W96NB57743
2351	2003 FORD F150	82195	1FTRF17233NB67320
2571	2012 CHEVY TAHOE	127671	1GNLC2E09CR178800
2565	2012 CHEVY TAHOE	97026	1GNLC2E08CR165519

2549	2011 CHEVY TAHOE	106030	1GNLC2E05BR276088
2544	2011 CHEVY TAHOE	114731	1GNLC2E00BR275625
2567	2012 CHEVY TAHOE	114243	1GNLC2E09CR164671
1554	2010 FORD CV	90838	2FABP7BV5AX100920
2368	2003 DODGE DURANGO	86005	1D4HR38N13F578557
1537	2009 DODGE AVENGER	59735	1B3LC46B09N569016
1559	2010 FORD CV	89350	2FABP7BV5AX127986
1511	2008 FORD CV	88757	2FAFP71V98X159448
1557	2010 FORD CV	76401	2FABP7BV1AX127984
1541	2009 FORD CV	88940	2FAHP71V79X137457
1562	2011 FORD CV	75475	2FABP7BVXB128987
1546	2009 FORD CV	85466	2FAHP71V59X137465
1432	2005 FORD CV	80998	2FAFP71W15X149789
1556	2010 FORD CV	83926	2FABP7BVXAX127983
1430	2005 FORD CV	75758	2FAFP71W85X149787
2512	2008 DODGE DURANGO	75424	1D8HD38N78F149301
1523	2008 DODGE CHARGER	82507	2B3KA43G78H285102
2532	2009 FORD VAN	102046	1FBNE31L99DA68308
1548	2009 FORD CV	91765	2FAHP71V79X137782
1459	2005 FORD CV	86636	2FAFP71WX5X161052
1563	2011 FORD CV	94485	2FABP7EV1BX145382
1336	2001 FORD CV	136700	2FAFP71W51X174933
1552	2009 FORD CV	143039	2FAHP74V59X144306
2605	2012 FORD F 250	110992	1FT7X2A66CEC32215
1555	2010 FORD CV	91579	2FABP7BV9AX100919
1464	2006 CHEVY IMPALA	80178	2G1WB58K469380698
1535	2009 DODGE AVENGER	70759	1B3LC46B29N569017
2310	2000 FORD F 150	89863	1FTZX1722YNC30637
2209	1997 FORD F 250	86300	1FTJW35H6VEB36520
2715	2015 FORD EXPEDITION	125912	1FMJU1HT8FEF19270
2510	2008 DODGE DURANGO	115278	1D8HD38N28F149304
2420	2006 DODGE DURANGO	107778	1D4HD38N36F115435
2572	2012 CHEVY TAHOE	151765	1GNLC2E0XCR162895
2522	2008 DODGE CARAVAN	85391	1D8HN44H18B167819
2556	2011 FORD F 150	123175	1FTMF1CM9BKD72058
2559	2012 CHEVY TAHOE	140994	1GNLC2E08CR121164
	1998 DODGE BUCKET		
3385	TRUCK	99325	3B6MC3655WM286399
2508	2008 DODGE DURANGO	108642	1D8HD38N88F149307
2322	2001 FORD F 250	119420	1FTNF20S11EC50689
2518	2008 DODGE 2500	106343	3D7KR28D08G217384
6547	EXMARK		315648962
6712	EXMARK		314644537
6556	EXMARK		316633399
6554	EXMARK		316639031
6546	EXMARK		315648961
6560	EXMARK		316633265
6548	EXMARK		315648963
6545	EXMARK		315648960
NA	MURRAY	Asset 30178	1J252H10109
5559	1999 CASE BACK HOE	NA	O246415
6405	1986 Massey Ferguson	NA	0021N02619
6450	1997 John Deere	NA	642182
6480	2002 John Deere	NA	LV5205C320584
5575	2002 VAC ALL	38926	1GDM7C1C42J514742
2504	2008 DODGE DURANGO	138719	1D8HD38N08F149298
2505	2008 DODGE DURANGO	119604	1D8HD38N28F149299

2441	2006 FORD F 150	143825	1FTRX12W06NB57744
1422	2005 FORD CV	112595	2FAFP71W05X136970
2396	2005 DODGE DURANGO	110859	1D4HD38N25F593232
2583	2012 CHEVY SUBURBAN	80623	1GNWC5EG5CR29558
4436	2014 FORD CHASSIS CAB	104505	3FRNF6HDXFV699316
4434	2013 FORD CHASSIS CAB	91024	3FRNF6HD3DV023769
2526	2008 CHEVY SUBURBAN	97283	1GNGC46KX9R119552
4441	2015 FORD CHASSIS CAB	46197	1FDNF6AY6GDA01891
1421	2005 FORD CV	73084	2FAFP71W45X136969
3352	1987 MACK	100863	1M2N179Y7JA009001
4424	2009 CHEVY KODIAK	95264	1GBE4V1999F403008
5579	2004 PIPE HUNTER	NA	1T9P7182X4P394894
NA	ALAMO SH88	NA	O2080
NA	ALAMO SH88	NA	20373
NA	ALAMO SH88	NA	O2078
NA	ALAMO SH96	NA	O2526
8615	1985 18 FOOT TRAILER	NA	264243

**EQUIPMENT GOING
TO SCRAP**

ATTACHMENT B

UNIT#	MAKE/MODEL	MILEAGE	VIN# OR SN#
2863	2019 FORD F150	7739	1FTMF1C5XKKD50630
2665	2014 CHEVY TAHOE	82015	1GNLC2E09ER217193
2548	2011 CHEVY TAHOE	142619	1GNLC2E06BR272678
1458	2005 FORD CV	128638	2FAFP71W85X161051
1534	2009 FORD CV	96466	2FAHP71VX9X126369
6715	Exmark Mower		314644538
6666	Gravelly Mower		OO2519
6677	Kubota Side by Side		A5KA1CGALAG021993
NA	Exmark Mower	NA	
6672	Exmark Mower	Asset#24683	792380
6465	John Deere		LV4300C335702
2404	2005 GMC Sierra	80589	1GTEC14X75Z282960
8603	Bush Hog		1200054
6468	2001 JOHN DEERE		TC14450010615

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 104 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING POSITIONS TO BE FILLED IN THE BOSSIER CITY PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF A RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATION AND TO INCREASE THE SALARY RANGE OF THE VACANT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT POSITION RESULTING IN A NET NEUTRAL CHANGE TO THE OPERATING BUDGET.

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

WHEREAS; the position of Assistant Superintendent is vacant due to resignation;
and

WHEREAS; the position of Equipment Operator II is vacant due to retirement;
and

WHEREAS; the position of Equipment Operator II will be reclassified as a Utility Worker reducing the budgeted salary of this position from \$43,613.70 to \$31,800.00; and

WHEREAS; the Assistant Superintendent responsibilities will be increased to maintain all existing and new operating systems and mechanical equipment within the Wastewater Treatment Division, upkeep of the computerized asset management system, and expansion of a supporting role in maintenance activities throughout the entire Utility Department, the salary range for the open Assistant Superintendent will justify an increase from \$38,000 to \$55,000.

WHEREAS; all the aforementioned hiring's and adjustments in existing salaries of these positions combined with available operating funds from delays in filling these positions and reductions in overtime will result in a net neutral impact to the operating budget; and

WHEREAS; the 2021 operating budget planning process accounted for the aforementioned adjustments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, that the Public Utilities Department is hereby authorized to hire an assistant superintendent, increase the pay of the assistant superintendent by \$17,000, to change the classification of the equipment operator II position to a utility worker position reducing the salary by \$11,813.70, to hire a utility worker, and to utilize unused salary budgeted during the time these positions were vacant and remaining overtime as needed to make up the additional \$5,186.30 needed to fully fund these positions.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Timothy Larkin, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Irwin
ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, Jr., President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 105 Of 2020

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SUN CITY AND EAGLE BEND PUMP STATIONS AT A COST OF \$170,000.00 TO COME FROM THE SEWER CAPITAL & CONTINGENCY FUND

WHEREAS, the City is recommending making improvements to the Sun City and Eagle Bend Pump Stations.

WHEREAS, \$170,000.00 will come from the *Sewer Capital & 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 approve an ordinance to appropriate \$170,000.00 to come from the *Sewer Capital & Contingency Fund* to make improvements to the Sun City and Eagle Bend Pump Stations.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Timothy Larkin, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 106 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA, FOR THE YEAR 2020, AND PROVIDING THE MANNER OF ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION THEREOF.

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the following millages be and the same are hereby levied on all taxable property located within the limits of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, for the year 2020:

- 1) 5.57 Mills for the payment of all necessary expenses for the operation of the affairs of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana. Mill Key #5078001
- 2) 8.32 Mills for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Fire and Police Departments of the City of Bossier City. Mill Key #5078002

- 3) 5.98 Mills for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Fire and Police Departments including salaries. Mill Key #5078004
- 4) 2.71 Mills for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Fire and Police Departments including salaries. Mill Key #5078005

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the tax assessment roll covering the foregoing millages is estimated by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the Bossier Parish Assessor for the year of 2020, and is hereby adopted and approved.

SECTION 3: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the proper administrative officials be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll for the year 2020, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in a manner provided by law.

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams and seconded by Mr. Timothy Larkin, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, Jr., President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 107 Of 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$500,000.00) FROM THE RIVERBOAT GAMING CAPITAL FUND TO HIRE ATAKAPA SERVICES, INC. TO CLEAN AND INSPECT PORTIONS OF BOSSIER CITY'S STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ATTACHED HERETO.

WHEREAS, Bossier City's storm drainage system is aging and requires cleaning and inspection to restore drainage patterns and program proposed improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that five hundred thousand (\$500,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the riverboat gaming capital fund to hire Atakapa Services, Inc. to clean and inspect portions of Bossier City's storm drainage system.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is authorized to execute the contract attached hereto with Atakapa Services, Inc. to clean and inspect portions of Bossier City's storm drainage system.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Timothy Larkin, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: Mr. Darby (Virtual)

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, Jr., President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 108 Of 2020

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$150,000.00) FROM THE RIVER BOAT GAMING CAPITAL FUND TO HIRE URBAN SYSTEMS INC., TO PREPARE A TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION STUDY FOR NORTH BOSSIER CITY ALONG BENTON ROAD AND AIRLINE HIGHWAY AND FOR SOUTH BOSSIER CITY ALONG BARKSDALE BOULEVARD AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ATTACHED HERETO.

WHEREAS, a traffic synchronization study needs to be performed for major roadways in Bossier City in an effort to alleviate congestion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the River Boat Gaming Capita Fund to hire Urban Systems, Inc. to prepare a traffic synchronization study and work with the City and DOTD for implementation of recommendations;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is authorized to execute the contract attached hereto with Urban Systems, Inc. to prepare the traffic synchronization study.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Thomas Harvey, and seconded by Mr. Timothy Larkin, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, Jr., President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business –

Agenda Item called - Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid #P20-25 Streetscape Improvements US 71 (Barksdale Blvd.)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Earnest Contracting, LLC	\$2,299,425.00

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve reading of bids and take under advisement

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called - Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid #P20-23 Melrose Extension

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>
Earnest Contracting, LLC	\$902,429.05

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve reading of bids and take under advisement

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called - Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid #P20-24 East Texas/Industrial Driver Sewer Rehab Project

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid Amount</u>	<u>Alt #1</u>	<u>Alt #2</u>	<u>Alt#3</u>
David Lawler Construction	\$327,065.00	\$317,310.00	\$519,125.00	\$67,025.00
Dixie Overland Construction	\$383,690.00	\$539,463.00	\$526,770.00	\$94,442.00
Horseshoe Construction	\$315,711.50	\$320,701.00	\$283,685.00	\$55,187.00
Pulley Construction, Inc.	\$401,180.00	\$385,530.00	\$442,352.00	\$79,265.00

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve reading of bids

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called – Introduce the General Fund Budget for 2021.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion Combine the Agenda Items #4-22 – 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion introduce the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Free

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to declare certain movable equipment owned by City of Bossier City as surplus to the City's need and provide for donation to the Turkey Creek Police Department in accordance with law.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty (\$22,880.00) from the Plantation Drive Water Line Project to reimburse Dr. Jay Turner the funds expended to extend an existing 8" Water Main to the East side of his property with a Fire Hydrant.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute an Act of Donation to accept a certain tract of land on Viking Drive owned by the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to fund Gay Street Pump Bypass at a cost of \$20,000.00 to come from the Sewer Capital & Contingency Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Free

Motion to introduce an Ordinance amending Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6-1, Number 22 of the Bossier City Code of Ordinances to amend the description of the Festival Plaza Region to enlarge the area included.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to introduce an Ordinance amending Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6-1, Number 22 of the Bossier City Code of Ordinances to amend the description of Festival Plaza Region.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance approving the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and among the Red River Waterway District, the City of Bossier City and the City of Shreveport for the installation of a programmable led light system on the Texas Street Bridge and authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the same.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

Mr. Harvey and Mr. Williams questioned upkeep responsibility and whether 50% for the City of Bossier City's commitment was a fair share. Mr. Hall explained project and funds.

No further comment

Motion carried with the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Conference call), Mr. Williams and Mr. Free

Nays: Mr. Harvey

Absent: Mr. Irwin

Abstain: none

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to re-appropriate \$171,900 from Ordinance 73 of 2020, the Police Building and Public Works Complex Lighting Projects to Ordinance 72 of 2020, the CenturyLink Center Lighting Project.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to conduct repairs to the Shed Road and Meadowview Drive Gravity Main at a cost of \$459,000 to come from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 76 Of 2020

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROJECTS PLAN.

WHEREAS, Section 6.09 of the Bossier City Charter requires adoption of a 5 year capital improvement projects program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the attached five- year Capital Projects Plan for 2021-2025 with the deletion of the Airline Drive underpass is hereby adopted.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Public Hearing concerning Bossier City's 2021 Consolidated Plan and CDBG Action Plan for application for Community Development Block Grant Funds

Mr. Montgomery opened the Public Hearing. Bob Brown, Community Development Department Head, outlined what this was for and process to the Council. Hearing no remarks from the Public, Mr. Montgomery closed the Public Hearing at 4:02 PM.

RESOLUTION NO. 77 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING (ENTITLEMENT STATUS) UNDER AUTHORITY OF TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (42 U.S.C. 3535) (d) and (42 U.S.C. 5301) (et.seq.)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana that the City of Bossier City Council hereby supports the City's Five-Year Consolidated Strategy Plan and 2021 Action Plan and application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding (Entitlement Status) under authority of the Consolidation for the following: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS): title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12702-12711; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5304-5320; Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG): title VI, subtitle B, of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11371-11378; HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME): title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Nation Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12741-12839; Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA): the AIDS; Housing Opportunity Act, 42 U.S.C. 12901-12912; Also serving as a basis for determining requirements in this rule are the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u).

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Community Development Entitlement Program is the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living

environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income, and whereas, consistent with this primary objective, the Federal Assistance realized from this application is for the support of community development activities which are directed toward the following specific objectives:

- (1) The elimination of slums and blight and the prevention of blighting influences and the deterioration of property and neighborhood and community facilities of importance to the welfare of the community, principally persons of low and moderate income;
- (2) The elimination of conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare, through code enforcement, demolition, interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities;
- (3) The conversion of the city's housing stock in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for all persons, but principally those of low and moderate income;
- (4) The improvement of the quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development;
- (5) The reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas and the promotion of an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods of housing opportunities for person of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods to attract persons of higher income; and
- (6) The restoration and preservation of properties of special value or historic, architecture or aesthetic reasons.

WHEREAS, THE City of Bossier City possesses legal authority to apply for this grant, and all other related Housing Urban Development Programs to execute all proposed projects and whereas, this City is now established as an "Entitlement City";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bossier City hereby supports Lorenz Walker, Mayor of Bossier City, Louisiana, the chief official of Bossier City, to apply for and sign all document as necessary and appropriate in the City's application of Housing and Urban Development Programs.

This resolution having been submitted and with a motion by Mr. Don Williams and second by Mr. Timothy Larkin and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Irwin
ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, Jr., President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 78 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING 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 resignation; 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. Timothy Larkin and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery Jr., Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to approve Report of Change Order 1st and Final for 2019 City Wide Concrete Repairs an increase of \$33,681.33. Total of contract with increase \$1,002,296.33.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve appointment of Kary Landry to Metropolitan Planning Commission Board of Adjustments as an Alternate Term effective September 22, 2020 and will expires September 21, 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

Mr. Landry spoke to Council, stating he was looking forward to serving in this position.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 79 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FOR 2020-2021 FOR THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations as enacted by the United States Congress mandates that all structures defined as bridges located on all public roads shall be inspected and rated for safe load capacity and posted in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and that an inventory of these bridges be maintained by each State; and

WHEREAS, responsibility to inspect, rate, and load post these bridges under the authority of Bossier City in accordance with those Standards is delegated by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to Bossier Parish, and is delegated by Bossier Parish to Bossier City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of Bossier City (herein referred to as the City), that the City in regular meeting assembled does hereby certify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (herein referred to as the DOTD), to qualify for program participation for the period of 1 October, 2020, through 30 September, 2021:

1. The City has performed all interim inspections on all City owned or maintained bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards.
2. All bridges owned or maintained by the City have been structurally analyzed and rated by the City as to the safe load capacity in accordance with AASHTO Manual for Maintenance Inspection of Bridges. The load posting information that has been determined by the LA DOTD for all bridges, where the maximum legal load under Louisiana State law exceeds the load permitted under the operating rating as determined above, has been critically reviewed by the City. Load posting information has been updated by the City to reflect all structural changes, any obsolete structural ratings or any missing structural ratings.
3. All City owned or maintained bridges which require load posting or closings are load posted or closed in accordance with the table in the DOTD Engineering Directives and Standards Manual Directive No. 1.1.1.8. All DOTD supplied load posting information concerning a bridge has been critically reviewed by the City prior to load posting.
4. All bridges owned or maintained by the City are shown on the attached list in the format specified by the DOTD. Corrections to data supplied to the City by the LA DOTD are noted.

These stipulations are prerequisites to participation by Bossier Parish and Bossier City in the Off-System Bridge Replacement Programs.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Timothy Larkin, and second by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on this 22nd day of September, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Darby (Virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Irwin

ABSTAIN: none

David Montgomery, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to approve Report of Change Order No. 1 for the Eastbank Restrooms Project with an increase of \$29,711.00 for a contract price with Change Order of \$387,711.00, with an additional 29 days added to the Contract time.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk

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