

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2015

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, December 15, 2015, 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 Don Williams, President, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr., Timothy Larkin, Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby, Thomas Harvey and Jeff Free

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

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015, Regular Council Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to amend Agenda to add #8 under New Business - Introduce an Ordinance to enlarge the limits and boundaries of the City of Bossier City by annexing a 10.59 Acre tract of land located in Section 9, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. (Assisted Living Facility)

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to amend Agenda to add #9 under New Business - Introduce an Ordinance approving the acquisition of the property described as 433 Minden Street authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to acquire property necessary for property acquisition in the old downtown area of Bossier City for the Bossier Re-Envisioning Project.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor or motion is unanimous

Joe Buffington, Finance Director, gave Council Monthly Financial Report.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 149 OF 2015

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

WHEREAS, the City has accumulated certain movable equipment which is now surplus to the City's need due to being scrap or exceeding mileage and years of service 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 and dispersed of as listed below:

Year	Make	Model	Type	Mileage	Vin	
2000	Ford	Crown Vic	#01279	Auction	9121	186396
1999	Ford	Crown Vic	#01280	Auction	103,161	240079
2008	Ford	Crown Vic	#01501	Auction	102,046	124126
2008	Ford	Crown Vic	#01530	Auction	97,457	176381
2009	Ford	Crown Vic	#01545	Wrecked	71,420	137454
2001	Dodge	Ram Truck	#02305	Auction	N/A	780762
2004	Ford	F250	#02387	Auction	151,720	D12357
2004	Ford	E250 Van	#02388	Auction	119,065	B25188
2005	Ford	F150 Truck	#02413	Auction	110,838	B39808
2006	Dodge	Durango	#02423	Auction	95,437	178857
2006	Chev	C1500 Truck	#02428	Auction	106,774	255988
2006	Chev	2500	#02436	Scrap	131,564	267630
2008	Ford	F250 Truck	#02487	Auction	107,217	C21450
2006	Infiniti	QX56 SUV	#02582	Auction	133,543	804084
1983	Kubota	L235	#06428	Auction	N/A	11150
2008	Grasshopper	Mower	#06661	Scrap	N/A	812239
	Lawn	Genie	16983	Scrap	N/A	57504
			Asset Tag			

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the Fleet Manager 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. David Montgomery, Jr. seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin and adopted on this 15th day of December , 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 150 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE CORRECTING ORDINANCE NO. 141 OF 2015 BY CHANGING THE ACCOUNTANT III DESIGNATION TO ACCOUNTANT II.

WHEREAS, a clerical error was made and Ordinance No. 141 should have reflected Accountant II instead of Accountant III.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Ordinance be corrected by changing the Accountant III designation to Accountant II ; and

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 15th, day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYES: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 151 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE ASSIGNING THE OPERATION OF THE PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO THE BOSSIER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE WITH THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the operation of the permits and inspections division can operate more efficiently by placing those operations under the Bossier City Fire Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the operation of the Permits and Inspections Department shall be assigned to the Bossier City Fire Department effective with the passage of this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the responsibility to inspect buildings, plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems shall be assigned to the Bossier City Fire Department.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 15th, day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Mr. Larkin

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 152 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 801 BENTON ROAD BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND ORDERING IT TO BE SOLD FOR NOT LESS THAN THE APPRAISED PRICE OF \$1,850,000.00 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City owns the property located at 801 Benton Road which has been leased by Kroger for the operation of a grocery store; and

WHEREAS, the lease with Kroger has been terminated effective November 11, 2015, and

WHEREAS the property consist of 3.7398 acres of land and improvements which include a 40,288 square foot building formerly occupied by Kroger more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; and

WHEREAS the referenced property was appraised by David W. Volentine, MAI on September 25, 2015 for \$1,850,000.00; and

WHEREAS the property is being sold in a "as is condition" with no warranty of the building or premises except as to title; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the property owned by the City of Bossier City at 801 Benton Road more particularly described in Exhibit "A" is attached hereto is not needed for a public purpose and is therefore surplus to the needs of the City of Bossier City; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the referenced property shall be sold to the highest bidder but no sale shall be for less than the minimum price of One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 dollars (\$1,850,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the referenced property shall be sold in an "AS IS" condition with no warranty except as to title;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be published three times in fifteen days one week apart in the Bossier Press Tribune.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that sealed bids shall be submitted to the Bossier City Clerk no later than 2 p.m. January 21, 2016. A copy of the referenced appraisal may be obtained in the City Clerk's office by interested parties prior to January 21, 2016.

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, Jr., and adopted on the 15th, day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business:

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance requiring the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund to repay the Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects Fund \$1,335,000 when funds are available.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 119 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE OR PROMOTE ONE SR. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AT THE NORTHEAST TREATMENT PLANT AND ONE FOREMAN I IN SEWER MAINTENANCE TO REPLACE VACANT POSITIONS IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City authorizes the hiring or promotion of one Sr. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at the Northeast Treatment Plant and one Foreman I in Sewer Maintenance to replace vacant positions in Public Utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby authorize the hiring or promotion of one Sr. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at the Northeast Treatment Plant and one Foreman I in Sewer Maintenance to replace vacant positions in Public Utilities.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was adopt on motion by David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on the 15th, day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda Item #3 and #4 - Hearing to review the recommendation of demolition and removal of dilapidated structures located at 632 Kelly Street and 702 Leon St.

By: Mr. Larkin

Motion to continue these items until the January 5, 2016, City Council Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 120 Of 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF AN AUTO MECHANIC II POSITION IN THE CITY GARAGE.

WHEREAS, It is necessary to replace an Auto Mechanic II Position in the City Garage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to replace an Auto Mechanic II position in the City Garage.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 15th, day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the attached contract for Governmental Relations with the City for 2016 with Ginger Adam Corley.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda item called: Hearing of Appeal for MSgt. Jeremiah Smartt, 2301 Middle Creek Blvd., Bossier City, LA 71111 for violation of City Ordinance Section 14- Vicious and Dangerous Dog.

During hearing owners, claimants and Animal Control spoke with Council on issue.

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to uphold ruling by Animal Control of Dangerous Dog.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Vote as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby and Mr. Williams

Nays: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Motion carries

By: Mr. Harvey

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Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance approving the acquisition of the property described as 433 Minden Street authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to acquire property necessary for property acquisition in the old downtown area of Bossier City for the Bossier Re-Envisioning Project.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM by Mr. Williams.

Respectfully submitted:

**Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk**

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