

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2014

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 2, 2014, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Jeff Free

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable Councilor Don Williams Vice President, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr., Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby, Jeff Free and Thomas Harvey

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

Absent: Honorable Councilor Timothy Larkin

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to amend agenda to include #8 under New Business - Introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the attached option to purchase Lot 1, Commerce Industrial Park, Unit No. 1 for \$340,425.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters:

None

Committee Reports:

Travis Morehart, CPA gave the Council a brief update on the status of the 2015 Operating Budget Analysis.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 8:30 AM, to review Travis Morehart's report on the 2015 Budget Analysis.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in Favor of motion is unanimous

Unfinished Business:

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to combine all 2015 budget items #1 -#15 into one vote.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to continue 2015 Operating Budgets until the December 16, 2014 Council Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 102 Of 2014

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE NORTHWEST LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AS A LOUISIANA NONPROFIT CORPORATION AND FILING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, by joint action of the City Council of Bossier City, the City Council of Shreveport, the Caddo Parish Commission and the Police Jury of Bossier Parish in October of 1966 the Caddo-Bossier Council of Local Governments (“Council”) was established and has continuously provided services to local units of government of this metropolitan region since its formation; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the service area of the Council was extended to include Webster Parish and the name of the Council was changed to the Shreve Area Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the name of the Council was again changed to the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 the member units of government found it desirable to change the membership of the Council in order to reflect the active participation and state and federal legislation; and

WHEREAS, Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code as reaffirmed in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (“ISTEA”) requires that plans and programs for Federal-Aid Highway projects approved after December 18, 1991, in urban areas with a population of more than 50,000, must be developed by metropolitan planning organizations (“MPO”) in cooperation with the State and that the process for developing such plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative and comprehensive to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems; and

WHEREAS, Section 310, 23 CFR, Part 450 requires that the responsibility for cooperatively carrying out transportation planning and programming shall be clearly defined in an agreement or memorandum of understanding between the State and the MPO; and

WHEREAS, Section 310, 23 CFR, Part 450 requires that, to the greatest extent possible there shall be one cooperative agreement among the State, MPO and public owned operators of mass transportation services; and

WHEREAS, in 1964 and in 1973, the State of Louisiana through the Department of Highways, now the Department of Transportation and Development, entered into a written formal agreement with the local political jurisdictions whereby the responsibility of each agency regarding the continuing phase of the planning processes were outlined; and

WHEREAS, the Council has been designated by the State as the agency responsible for carrying out the transportation planning process for the Shreveport-Bossier City Urbanized Area and is a recipient of funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and the Federal Transit Act of 1991; and

WHEREAS, Sections 104 and 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code as reaffirmed in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century of 2012 (“Map 21”) required modifications to the metropolitan planning process that includes the implementation of a performance-based approach to transportation decision making and developing transportation plans that contain performance targets to be coordinated with public transportation providers, the development of a long range transportation plan to be used in assessing the performance of the transportation system and the use of a transportation improvement plan to link investment priorities to performance targets; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-Bossier City Urbanized Area has been designated as a Transportation Management Area, and as such must comply with the special requirements applicable to such areas regarding congestion management systems, project selection and certification; and

WHEREAS, the member units of government within this metropolitan region continue to be cognizant of the need for, and their responsibility to provide the region’s citizens with efficient, economical, and purposeful governmental cooperation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, this metropolitan region has many related and common problems and interest in the fields of land use, transportation, housing, economic development, population trends, community facilities and the general improvement of living environments for a population of over 350,00 people over 22 units of local government; and

WHEREAS, there continues to exist many opportunities for joint consultation and planning to improve the types and quality of facilities and services provided for the people of this metropolitan region and there continues to be a need for close cooperation among the local governments to insure that growth and development of this entire metropolitan region will be well planned and coordinated as to provide a more desirable living environment for all the region’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, the local units of government in the metropolitan region acting under the authority of Section 1321 through 1332 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and any and all other authority they may possess desire to incorporate the Council as a Louisiana nonprofit corporation to continue addressing the common problems and interests in the fields of land use, transportation, housing, economic development, population trends, community facilities, the general improvement of living environments and cooperatively carrying out transportation planning and programming as the metropolitan planning organization for this transportation management area; and

WHEREAS, an intergovernmental agreement is attached that sets forth the payments owed by each entity and further defines the relationships of the governmental entities and NLCOG;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the joint action of the CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, LA, in due and legal session convened that this City, by the passage of this Ordinance, does hereby, acting jointly with other units of local government in Caddo and Bossier Parishes, authorize the incorporation of the Council as a Louisiana non-profit corporation with the filing of articles of incorporation with the Louisiana Secretary of State in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, attached hereto or substantially similar thereto, as may from time to time be amended in accordance with said Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the nonprofit corporation, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, may adopt Bylaws designating the selection of directors and the officers of the corporation, provide for the conduct of business, the manner and method of securing local funds that may be necessary, the method and manner By which voting on the projects of the corporation shall be determined, the appointment of advisory committees to assist the corporation in the conduct and its purpose and goals and the employment of such staff and consultants as it may deem necessary, as contained in the Article of Incorporation and Bylaws attached hereto or substantially similar thereto, as may from time to time be amended in accordance with said Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the nonprofit corporation, Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, may accept and expend funds, grants, and services from the State of Louisiana, its departments, agencies or instrumentalities and from the government of the United

States or its agencies, or from other governmental units, political subdivisions and from private and civic sources.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor, Lorenz Walker, is duly authorized to execute any contract, agreement or memorandum on behalf of the City to organize and form the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments as a Louisiana nonprofit corporation and specifically the attached Intergovernmental Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor, Lorenz Walker, is authorized to serve, participate and take any action required to carry out this Ordinance or the purpose of Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision, items or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The above and foregoing Ordinance read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby and adopted on this the 2nd day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Larkin

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, Vice President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 103 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 126 OF 2003, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 1 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2917 DOUGLAS DRIVE, BOSSIER CITY, LA., FROM R-A (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING FOR AN EXISTING BUILDING. (Jeff Patterson)

SECTION 1. **BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Ordinance No. 126 of 2003 of the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, is hereby amended to provide that the zoning classification is hereby changed from R-A, Residential Agriculture, to B-3, General Business District for the following:

A certain parcel of land containing 0.991 acres, more or less, situated in the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 18 North, Range 13 West, Bossier City, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 15 and proceed the following five call bearing and distances:

North 01° 09' 15" West a distance of 164.65 feet;

North 89° 14' 25" East a distance of 31.48 feet;
North 89° 14' 25" East a distance of 346.46 feet;
North 01° 30' 00" West a distance of 683.07 feet;

North 01° 30' 00" West a distance of 81.31 feet to a found ½" iron pipe at the southwest corner of a 2.00 acre tract as described in Conveyance Book 1358, Page 495 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana, said point lying on the north right of way of Douglas Drive, as recorded in Conveyance Book 450, Page 145 of the records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana; thence proceed North 01° 11' 47" West along the west line of said 2.00 acre tract a distance of 225.64 feet to the northwest corner of said 2.00 acre tract and the POINT OF BEGINNING; continue thence North 01° 11' 48" West a distance of 54.00 feet; thence proceed North 74° 58' 57" East a distance of 429.23 feet; thence proceed South 11° 42' 35" East a distance of 301.03 feet to said north right of way of Douglas Drive; thence proceed South 78° 26' 54" West along said right of way a distance of 86.34 feet to a found ½" iron pipe at the southeast corner of said 2.00 acre tract; thence proceed North 01° 11' 47" West along the east line of said tract a distance of 225.64 feet to the northeast corner of said tract; thence proceed South 78° 26' 54" West along the north line of said tract a distance of 393.20 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.,

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted this 2nd day of December, 2014.

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Mr. Larkin

DON WILLIAMS, VICE PRESIDENT

PHYLLIS MCGRAW, CITY CLERK

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Read Bids for the following: Meadowview Pool House

1.	Cochran Construction Company	\$687,000
2.	Douglas Construction Company	\$668,710
3.	Garcia Construction	\$575,000
4.	Hope Contractors	\$714,000

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the attached contract for Governmental Relations with the City of Bossier City for 2015 with Ginger E. Adam.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No Comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance ratifying, authorizing and approving the engagement of KPMG, LLP to provide professional services to audit the financial statements of the City of Bossier City, CenturyLink Arena Fund, Fireman's Pension and Relief Fund, and Policemen's Pension and Relief Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Free

Motion to introduce an Ordinance declaring three high mileage Crown Victoria vehicles surplus to the needs of the City of Bossier's Marshal's Office and authorizing these vehicles either to be sold at auction or donated.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A REPLACEMENT FOR ONE POLICE OFFICER TO REPLACE A RESIGNATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2 of 2010 implemented a hiring freeze requiring Bossier City Council approval for the hiring of any personnel;

WHEREAS, a vacancy now exists in the Police Department, and filling this position will allow operations to continue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the administration is authorized to hire one Police Officer to replace a resignation from the Department.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby, and second by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 2nd day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Larkin

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, Vice President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE OR PROMOTE ONE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AND ONE UTILITY WORKER TO REPLACE VACANT POSITIONS IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City authorizes the hiring or promotion of one Water Treatment Plant Operator and one Utility Worker to replace vacant positions in Public Utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby authorize the hiring or promotion of one Water Treatment Plant Operator and one Utility Worker to replace vacant positions in Public Utilities.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 2nd day of December, 2014, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Larkin

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, Council Vice President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Free

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the attached option to purchase Lot 1, Commerce Industrial Park, Unit No. 1 for \$340,425.00.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM by Mr. Williams.

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk

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