

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 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, February 18, 2014, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Thomas Harvey

Roll Call as follows:

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

Absent: Honorable Timothy Larkin

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

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014, Regular Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to add # 5 under New Business - Adopt a Resolution supporting Legislation Authorizing a Tax to be levied of up to 2.5% on each hotel or motel room in Caddo and Bossier Parishes. (First and Final Reading) (Williams)

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No Comment

Vote in favor or motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to add #6 under New Business - Approve Parade Fee Waiver for Krewe of Aesclepius Bridge Closing Ceremony, March 4, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor or motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Recognition of Guests:

Lisa Johnson with the Bossier Chamber of Commerce gave Council an update on a brand new website the Chamber has launched www.movetobossier.com as part of its Bossier Innovates Program.

Honorable Timothy Larkin was seated at 3:08 P.M.

Committee Reports:

Joe Buffington, Finance Director, gave Council monthly Financial Update

Old Business:

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING POLICE VEHICLE NUMBER 01067, A 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, AND POLICE VEHICLE NUMBER 01073, A 2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND DONATING SAME TO THE RINGGOLD POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the following police vehicles: 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, color black and white, equipment number 01067, and a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, color black and white, equipment number 01073, surplus to the needs of the City and a request has been made by the Ringgold Police Department for these assets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the referenced police vehicles are hereby declared surplus to the needs of the City and same are authorized to be donated to the Ringgold Police Department.

The above and foregoing Ordinance 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 the 18th, day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

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

NAYES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 18 Of 2014

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 7 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE RIVERBOAT GAMING CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO BUILD CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KROGER SUPERMARKET DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, SDI Bossier Airline, LLC desires to develop 31.5 acres of property located on the east side of Airline Drive north of Wal-Mart; and

WHEREAS, the referenced development will be anchored by a 123,000 square foot Kroger Supermarket; and

WHEREAS, the site when fully developed will provide approximately 100,000 square feet of additional retail and restaurant facilities; and

WHEREAS, the obligations of the parties hereto are set forth with specificity in the attached agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that 7 million dollars in Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects funds is hereby appropriated to be used as follows:

- (a) Four million two hundred thousand (\$4,200,00.00) dollars for the design and construction of a public road (George Dement Blvd.) and related drainage into the development property inclusive of all engineering and construction costs.
- (b) Two million eight hundred thousand (\$2,800,000.00) dollars for the Airline Relief Road inclusive of all engineering and construction costs to run behind the retail properties on Airline from Plantation Drive to Viking Drive.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that these funds shall be expended only after all the parties to the agreement have executed the attached agreement setting forth their respective obligations.

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. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 18th, day of February, 2014, 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

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING 2 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE WATER FUND RETAINED EARNINGS TO THE WATER CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND AND APPROPRIATING \$6,145,000 DOLLARS TO CONSTRUCT THE INLAND RAW WATER PUMP STATION.

WHEREAS, the Inland Raw Water Pump Station is necessary to provide a reliable source of water to the Bossier City water plants; and

WHEREAS, a Corp of Engineers permit has been obtained to allow this construction but will expire if construction is not started this year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that 2 million dollars is hereby transferred from the Water Fund Retained Earnings to the Water Capital and Contingency Fund;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that \$6,145,000 is hereby appropriated from the Water Capital and Contingency Fund to construct the Inland Raw Water Pump Station.

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. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 18th, day of February, 2014, 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

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 20 Of 2014

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$300,000 FROM THE WATER CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND TO CONSTRUCT THE INDUSTRIAL DRIVE EXTENSION WATER LOOP.

WHEREAS, this construction will complete a loop of water lines to reduce the number of businesses having to be without water during a break and provide additional water pressure on both sides of the loop; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that \$300,000 is hereby appropriated from the Water Capital and Contingency Fund to construct the Industrial Drive Extension Water Loop.

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. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 18th, day of February, 2014, 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

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business:

The following bids read by Steve Westbrook, Purchasing Agent:

Walking Trail on ART Parkway at Union Pacific Rail for Engineering Department.

1. Bryan Contracting	\$190,400.00
2. C W & W Contractors	\$177,753.50
3. F. J. Burnell	\$318,500.00
4. Garcia Construction	\$308,000.00
5. R.V.P. Construction	\$239,777.00

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by: Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 21 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO A COLLAPSED SEWER MAIN BETWEEN CLOVIS AND ALAMEDA.

WHEREAS, a sewer main at this location became inoperable due to age and numerous collapses necessitating immediate repair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, hereby declares that this situation affected property, health, and safety due to the sewer main collapse.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that funds to repair the sewer main will come from the sewer capital and contingency account, in an amount not to exceed \$153,820.00 (One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Dollars and 00/100), with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

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 the 18th day of February, 2014, 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

Jeffery D. Darby, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE OR PROMOTE ONE UTILITY WORKER IN SEWER MAINTENANCE TO REPLACE VACANT POSITION IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City authorizes the hiring or promotion of one utility worker in sewer maintenance to replace vacant position 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 utility worker in sewer maintenance to replace vacant position in Public Utilities.

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. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 18th day of February, 2014, 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

Jeffery D. Darby, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve Report of Change Order for Swan Lake Road Widening (I-20 to Shed Road) an increase of \$355,000. Total Cost of contract with increase \$7,183,523.

Seconded by: Mr. Irwin

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 10 Of 2014

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A TAX TO BE LEVIED OF UP TO 2.5% ON EACH HOTEL OR MOTEL ROOM IN CADDO AND BOSSIER PARISHES.

WHEREAS, three entities which facilitate economic development in the community need a revenue source to continue their respective missions; and

WHEREAS, a 2.5% tax on each hotel or motel room in Caddo and Bossier Parishes will provide the needed revenue for the Independence Bowl, Arklatex Regional Air Service Alliance and the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission to fulfill and expand their missions; and

WHEREAS, the three entities have agreed to split the proceeds of the referenced tax as follows: Independence Bowl Committee 37.5% Arklatex Regional Air Service Alliance 37.5%, Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission 25%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that it supports the referenced legislation and encourages the State Legislature to authorize a tax to be levied of up to 2.5% on each hotel or motel room in Caddo and Bossier Parishes to be split as follows: Independence Bowl Committee 37.5%, Arklatex Regional Air Service Alliance 37.5%, and Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission 25%.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 18th, day of February, 2014 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

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

I, Mayor Lorenz Walker, support and endorse this resolution.

Mayor Lorenz Walker

By: Mr. Free

Motion to approve Parade Fee Waiver for Krewe of Aesclepius Bridge Closing Ceremony, March 4, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

There being no further business to come before this meeting, meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM by Mr. Darby

Respectfully submitted:

**Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk**

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