

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
July 1, 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, July 1, 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 Timothy Larkin, President, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr., Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby, Don Williams, Jeff Free and Thomas Harvey

Also Present: City Attorney Jimmy Hall and City Clerk Phyllis McGraw

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2014, Regular Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Recognition of Guests:

Committee Reports:

Cliff Oliver, Bossier City CAO, recognized Pam Glorioso for receiving the Certified Film Commissioner status from the Association of Film Commissioners International and for being the only Certified Film Commissioner in the State of Louisiana.

Unfinished Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 53 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE WATER CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY FUND TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH A WATER VALVE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the water system is comprised of over three thousand valves of varying condition and age, and

WHEREAS, the condition of said valves has on many occasions resulted in loss of revenue and prolonged and excessive outages, and

WHEREAS, said valves are in need of assessment, conditioning, rehabilitation, and selective replacement

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, hereby declares that a valve program be completed and that funds to complete the valve program be appropriated from the Water Capital and Contingency fund, in an amount not to exceed One-Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments in connection 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. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 1st day of July, 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

Timothy Larkin, Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 54 OF 2014

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY BY ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 208 ACRES MORE OR LESS LOCATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 13W, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA.
(KROGER DEVELOPMENT)**

WHEREAS, a petition signed by the property owner has been filed with the City Council of the City of Bossier City, requesting that the property described in Exhibit "A", attached and made a part hereof, be included in the City Limits of the City of Bossier City Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, subject to the conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that the limits and boundaries of the City of Bossier City are hereby enlarged and extended so as to include with the limits and boundaries of the City of Bossier City, the property described in Exhibit "A".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the final adoption of this Ordinance is contingent upon approval of the annexation by the United States Department of Justice.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the above referenced annexed area shall be in Council District Number 5 of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, 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. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on this the 1st day of July, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 55 Of 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 6.6 OF THE BOSSIER CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED SALE PROHBITED AT PLACES WHERE GASOLINE OR MOTOR FUEL IS SOLD.

WHEREAS, the referenced ordinance is affecting the operations of large box retailers who desire to sell alcohol in their store and gasoline in the parking lot; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Sec. 6.6 of the Bossier City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding:

(c) The provisions of this ordinance shall not be applicable to facilities of 40,000 square feet or larger.

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. Don Williams, and adopted on the 1st, day of July, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business:

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 126 of 2003 to amend the Unified Development Code to reflect changes relative to Article 12, Architectural Design Standards, as recommended by the Bossier City Comprehensive Plan Update adopted March 19, 2013.

Seconded by: Mr. Montgomery

After discussion Mr. Williams withdrew his motion.

By: Mr. Montgomery

Motion to remand this Ordinance back to MPC for further review.

Seconded by: Mr. Williams

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda item called : Introduce an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 126 of 2003 to amend the Unified Development Code to reflect changes relative to Section 7.6, Nonconforming Off-Premise Signs, by adding Section 7.6.4, Alterations of Legally Nonconforming signs in the RFD District.

By: Mr. Montgomery

Motion to amend Ordinance that these changes would only apply to the existing RFD District and in the event the RFD District was expanded new parameters would be initiated for those signs that would be taken into the new RFD District.

Seconded by: Mr. Darby

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery

Motion to introduce an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 126 of 2003 to amend the Unified Development Code to reflect changes relative to Section 7.6, Nonconforming Off-Premise Signs, by adding Section 7.6.4, Alterations of Legally Nonconforming signs in the RFD District as amended.

Seconded by: Mr. Irwin

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to Introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$550,000.00 from the 2008 Utility Bond Issue Capital Projects Fund to facilitate the completion of the Water Meter AMR Project, providing for Change Order #1 of the AMR Contract, and the large meter vault project to be bid separately.

Seconded by: Mr. Williams

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce a Supplemental Bond Ordinance authorizing issuance of twenty-two million dollars (\$22,000,000) of Utilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of a General Bond Ordinance adopted on July 6, 2010, for the purpose of making additions, improvements, extensions, renewals, replacements or repairs to the waterworks plant and system and the sewer utility system, prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for payment of principal of and interest on said bonds and for the rights of the owners thereof; approving the official statement; awarding the bonds to the purchaser thereof; prescribing the form, and certain terms and conditions of said bonds and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Seconded by: Mr. Williams

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing incurrence of debt to provide financing for additions, acquisitions, repairs and/or expansions needed to maintain city owned works of public improvement of the city, and pay costs of issuance of the bonds (collectively, the “project”); authorizing borrowing of funds from the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (“authority”); prescribing the form, fixing the details and providing for payment thereof; entering into certain covenants and agreements in connection with security and payment of said debt; authorizing and approving execution of a loan agreement with the authority; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Seconded by: Mr. Irwin

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE OR PROMOTE A LABORER II AND TO FILL A VACANT LABORER I POSITION IN PUBLIC WORKS

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

WHEREAS, a Laborer II position in the Streets and Drainage division and a Laborer I position in the Solid Waste division are vacant and filling these positions 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 or promote a Laborer II and to hire a Laborer I.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and second by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 1st day of July, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to reappoint Clara Taylor as a commissioner of the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Bossier City. Appointment effective July 9, 2014 and expires July 8, 2019.

Seconded by: Mr. Free

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Announcement - Mr. Larkin announced that at the Council Meeting on August 19, 2014, at 3:00 P.M., the Council will vote on the adoption of the Ad Valorem Millage Rates for the year 2014 without further voter approval.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM by Mr. Larkin.

Respectfully submitted:

**Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk**

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