

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2016

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, June 21, 2016, 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 and Thomas Harvey

Absent was Honorable Councilor Jeff Free

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

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016, Regular Council Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to add to the Agenda Item #21 under New Business - Adopt an Ordinance declaring that an emergency did (does) exist in the City of Bossier City which affected property, public health and safety due to a man hole and sewer main collapse adjoining the "Big Airline" pump station.

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. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor or motion is unanimous

Committee Reports:

Joe Buffington, Finance Director, gave Council Monthly Financial Report

Old Business:

Agenda Item #1 - Adopt an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to execute the attached Public-Private Partnership Agreement with Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Speaking in opposition of this Ordinance were Michael Walette and Jennifer Calhoun.

Discussion among members of the Council and staff

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 60 Of 2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH MANCHAC CONSULTING GROUP, INC. AND OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Bossier City Utility System will become more efficient by transferring the operational control of existing facilities to Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. for oversight, management and control;

WHEREAS Manchac will provide staff to serve as Division Managers of each of the systems owned by the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS Michael Bell shall be the designated Utilities Director at a salary of \$80,000.00 for the City of Bossier City and he shall report to Cliff Oliver; and

WHEREAS all permits licenses and certifications shall be submitted and maintained by the Utilities Director on behalf of the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, there will be a force reduction of approximately 40 employees following Bossier City HR procedures for such action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City shall solely be responsible for hiring and firing City Employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Mayor Lorenz Walker shall be authorized to execute the attached Public-Private Partnership Agreement with Manchac Consulting Group, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Michael Bell shall be designated as the Bossier City Utilities Director at \$80,000.00 per year salary and report to CAO Cliff Oliver. He shall be responsible for maintaining all permits, certifications, and required licenses on all Bossier City Utility Facilities and shall handle all ordinances for project funding to be submitted to the Bossier City Council. He shall be responsible for all hiring and terminations of Bossier City Employees using Bossier City HR policies; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that there shall be a force reduction of personnel in the Bossier City Utilities Department of approximately 40 people using Bossier City HR policies and procedures for this action.

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. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin and Mr. Williams

NAYS: Mr. Darby and Mr. Harvey

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 61 Of 2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED GRANT OF RIGHTS OF WAY AND SERVITUDE.

WHEREAS, the Red River Levee Bank near A.R. Teague Parkway north of McDade Street is caving in and the Bossier Levee District needs a right of way and servitude agreement to access the area for repairs and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is hereby authorized to execute the attached “Grant of Rights of Way and Servitude”.; 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. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 62 Of 2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO SIGN A CANCELLATION OF A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND BELLAIRE BAPTIST CHURCH DATED OCTOBER 6, 2004.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bellaire Baptist Church in conjunction with the sale of approximately 35 acres of property (see attached documents);

WHEREAS the referenced property has been rezoned for residential development and the CEA in conjunction with the sale is no longer applicable; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is authorized to execute a cancellation of that certain Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Bossier City and Bellaire Baptist Church dated October 6, 2004 and filed in the Conveyance Records of Bossier Parish under registry number 817082.

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. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business:

Agenda item called: Witness Opening of Sealed Bids for the Big Airline Force Main Project.

1.	David Lawler Construction, Inc.	\$2,281,646.25
2.	Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.	\$2,379,661.00

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve reading of the bids.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item #14 was moved up.

Hearing to review the recommendation of demolition and removal of dilapidated structures located at the following location: 512 Kelly St.

Property Standards, Kenny Carrington and Attorney Robin Harvill updated Council on state of property. Property heir Mary Edwards attended meeting and understands process.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to proceed with demolition and work out payment plan with owner.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Hearing to review the recommendation of demolition and removal of dilapidated structures located at the following location: 515 Kelly St.

Property Standards, Kenny Carrington and Attorney Robin Harvill updated Council on state of property.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to proceed with demolition as soon as possible.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$150,000 to come from the Sewer Capital Contingency Fund to be used to purchase property immediately West of the entrance to the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plant with the purchased property to be used to construct a new alignment for the Red Chute Levee.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to stabilize the North bank of Red Chute Bayou at the Northeast Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$130,000 from the Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects Fund to split the cost of Master Planning the National Cyber Research Park with the Bossier Parish Police Jury.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

Questions asked by Council- Mike McSwain gave overview of job.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance providing additional overtime funds for Public Works.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Questions from Council

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to conduct the Sewer Sub Basin BC-21 Rehabilitation.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$65,000 from the General Fund, Fund Balance to provide overtime funding for the Bossier City Fire Department.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

Questions from Council

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 51 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE MECHANIC TO BE REPLACED DUE TO VACANCY FROM RETIREMENT:

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

WHEREAS, one vacancy now exist in the Fire Department due to Retirement 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 replace one Fire Mechanic position;

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and second by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 52 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE EMPLOYEE TO BE REPLACED TO FILL A VACANCY:

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

WHEREAS, one vacancy now exist in the Fire 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 replace one Firefighter position;

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and second by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ONE DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE, THREE POLICE CAPTAINS, ONE POLICE LIEUTENANT, AND ONE POLICE SERGEANT.

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

WHEREAS, with retirements, vacancies now exist in the Police Department and filling these positions will allow all 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 promote six officers (One Deputy Chief, three Captains, one Lieutenant, and one Sergeant).

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Thomas Harvey, and second by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 54 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A REPLACEMENT OF ONE POLICE OFFICER TO REPLACE A RETIREMENT 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 retirement from the Department.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and second by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 55 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TWO REPLACEMENT POLICE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS WHO RESIGNED 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, vacancies now exist in the Police Department, 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 two Police Communications Officers to replace resignations from the Department.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and second by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Parade Permit Fee Waiver for Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, September 24, 2016 and Trinity 5K & Stadium Run, July 22, 2016

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$3,264,700 from the 2010 Utility Bond Issue to repay a portion of the utility cost for the Downtown Re-Envisioning Project.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$335,300 from the Series 2016 Sales Tax Bonds to refund the remainder of the utility funding for the Downtown Re-Envisioning process and appropriating the remaining balance of \$4,093,877.90 to replenish funds from the 2014 Utilities Revenue Bond Fund of \$21,236,415.20 that were used for projects not listed in the projected projects for the 2014 Utilities Revenue Bonds.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called: Elect City Council President to serve term from July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017.

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to recommend David Montgomery, Jr. to fill Presidency term.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called: Elect City Council Vice-President to serve term from July 1, 2016-
June 30, 2017.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to recommend Mr. Jeffery Darby to fill Vice-Presidency term.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 56 of 2016

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF ONE CIVIC CENTER
EVENT COORDINATOR POSITION**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replace one Event Coordinator at the Civic
Center; and

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 replace one Event Coordinator position at the civic center.

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. Don
Williams, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 57 Of 2016

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A SALES TAX ACCOUNTS
CLERK III.**

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

WHEREAS, the current Sales Tax Accounts Clerk III has accepted another position within the Department of Finance and interviews need to be conducted to find a qualified replacement;

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 a person to fill the position of Sales Tax Accounts Clerk III.

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. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 63 OF 2016

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY DID (DOES) EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO A COLLAPSED SEWER MAIN AND MANHOLE

WHEREAS, a manhole adjacent to the Big Airline pump station and the adjoining sewer main did collapsed and created a situation affecting property, public health, and safety.

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 collapse (rupture)of this sewer main and manhole at this critical location.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that funds to repair the sewer main will come from the sewer capital and contingency fund, in an amount not to exceed \$760,306.50 (seven hundred sixty thousand-three hundred six dollars and fifty-cents), 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. David Montgomery, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 21st day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM by Mr. Williams.

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk

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