

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2015, 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 Councilor Timothy Larkin, President, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr., Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby, Don Williams, Jeff Free and Thomas Harvey

Absent: none

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

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015, Regular Council Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to amend the agenda to include #10 under New Business - Introduce an Ordinance approving the acquisition of the property described as Lot 318, less the N. 10ft., Lot 319 of East Shreveport Subdivision and East 37ft. of Lots 300, 301 and 302 of East Shreveport Subdivision and authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to sign any and all documents in conjunction therewith.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to amend the agenda to include #11 under New Business - Approve Parade Fee Waiver - Walk with the Cross, April 3, 2015.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters:

Kelly Wells with Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission updated Council on events coming to Bossier in May and June that will be on the Red River.

Rich McGahan, representing upcoming North American Flyboard Championship, updated Council on the event.

Committee Reports:

Joe Buffington, Finance Director, gave Council the monthly Financial Report.

Unfinished Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No.28 Of 2015

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 17 MPCN CONTROLLERS MODEL CODE 145 FOR BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL SCOREBOARDS AS SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND AUTHORIZING THEM TO BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City replaced old scoreboards with new scoreboards and these controllers are for use with the old scoreboard system and are therefore surplus to the needs of the City of Bossier City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that 17 MPCN Controllers Model Code 145 for baseball or softball scoreboards are hereby declared surplus to the needs of the City of Bossier City and shall be disposed of according to law.

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. Don Williams, and adopted on the 17th, day of March, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda Item - Hearing to review the recommendation of demolition and removal of dilapidated structure located at 114 Maple Street.

Kenny Carrington, Bossier Property Standards, updated Council on process and that City Appointed Attorney couldn't be present today but has reported that process was followed and there were no objections.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to demolish as soon as legally possible.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

New Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 29 OF 2015

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO A SEWER SERVICE COLLAPSE AT 2158 AIRLINE DRIVE

WHEREAS, a sewer service line collapsed impeding sewer flows, and

WHEREAS, the collapse required immediate repair in order to protect property, health, and safety, reduce business down, and prevent the compromise of other infrastructure.

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 service collapse.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that funds to repair the sewer service and associate work will come from the sewer capital and contingency account, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars), 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. Scott Irwin, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 17th, day of March, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the sale of the property located at 700 Ogilvie Street to Cajun Solutions, LLC for the appraised value pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 33:4712.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to introduce an Ordinance approving the acquisition of the property located at 715 Barksdale Blvd., 405 Monroe Street and 431 Arcadia Street and authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to sign any and all documents in conjunction therewith.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2015

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
A UTILITY “EASEMENT DEDICATION” TO PROVIDE FOR
ACCESS TO THE RIVER BEND SEWER PUMP STATION.**

WHEREAS, the River Bend Sewer Pump Station lies within Lot 96 of River Bend Subdivision, Unit No. 1; and

WHEREAS, the City requires that a utility easement be established at the sewer pump station in order for a concrete access drive to be constructed; and

WHEREAS, a “Utility Easement Dedication” map is attached to this resolution and shall be a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that the City of Bossier City hereby resolves to authorize the Mayor to execute a “Utility Easement Dedication” to access to the River Bend Sewer Pump Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this Resolution.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on the 17th, day of March, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2015

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A REPLACEMENT FOR ONE
COMMUNICATIONS 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 Communications 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. Thomas Harvey, and second by Mr. Jeff Free, and adopted on the 17th, day of March, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2015

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE OR PROMOTE ONE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT IN LIFT STATIONS, ONE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT COORDINATOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND ONE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AT THE RED RIVER TREATMENT PLANT TO REPLACE VACANT POSITIONS IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City authorizes the hiring or promotion of one Assistant Superintendent in Lift Stations, one Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator in Environmental Affairs and one Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator at the Red River Treatment Plant 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 Assistant Superintendent in Lift Stations, one Industrial Pretreatment Coordinator in

Environmental Affairs and one Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator at the Red River Treatment Plant 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. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on the 17th, day of March, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 27 Of 2015

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replace one Event Coordinator II 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 II 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. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 17th, day of March, 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

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve Report of Change Order #1 for 2014 City Wide Concrete Repairs a decrease of \$31,889.23. Total cost of contract with decrease \$668,016.12

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance accepting a bid for the right and privilege of placing and maintaining bus benches with advertising on the Public Right-of-Way, granting that right and privilege and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

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Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve Parade Fee Waiver for Walk with the Cross April 3, 2015.

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 3:29 PM by Mr. Larkin

Respectfully submitted:

**Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk**

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