

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 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, October 7, 2014, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Don Williams

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

Absent: Honorable Councilor Timothy Larkin, President

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

By: Mr. Free

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014, Regular Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters:

Jasery Darby with the Mayors Commission for Women introduced the girls that have been chosen to participate in the Mentoring program

Committee Reports:

none

Unfinished Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 77 Of 2014

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SAID VEHICLES TO THE ST. FRANCISVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, the following City Marshal vehicles (1998 Ford Crown Victoria – VIN # 2FAFP71W0WX158629 and 2006 Ford Crown Victoria – VIN# 2FAFP74V56X119358) are high mileage vehicles purchased with the City Marshal's

discretionary funds and they are now surplus to the needs of the City Marshal's office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that said vehicles are declared surplus to the needs of the City Marshal's office and the City of Bossier City and authorizing the donation of said vehicles to the St. Francisville Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the Marshal's Office and City of Bossier are authorized to transfer these vehicles to St. Francisville Police Department and sign any and all documents in conjunction therewith.

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 7th, day of October, 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

New Business:

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 78 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 126 OF 2003, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 2917 OLD MINDEN ROAD, BOSSIER CITY, LA., FROM B-2 (LIMITED BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) FOR A RETAIL STRIP CENTER. (Ron Mock/ Ron's Guns.)

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 B-2, Limited Business District, to B-3, General Business District for the following:

Lot 5, Bailey Subdivision, as recorded in Conveyance Book 141, Page 209 of the Records of Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted this 7th day of October, 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, Council Vice President

PHYLLIS MCGRAW, CITY CLERK

C-47-14

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance repealing and reenacting Ordinance No. 75 of 2014 requiring approval of the Bossier City Council to access all city services outside the City Limits of Bossier City.

Seconded by: Mr. Irwin

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$25,000 from the Hotel Motel Tax Fund and authorizing Mayor Lorenz Walker to sign the attached agreement.

Seconded by: Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Free

Motion to introduce an Ordinance declaring 23 scoreboards surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing the same to be sold for scrap.

Seconded by: Mr. Williams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Free

Motion to introduce an Ordinance declaring approximately 22,500 water meters surplus to the needs of the City of Bossier City and authorizing them to be sold to the highest bidder.

Seconded by: Mr. Irwin

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 68 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OR PROMOTION OF AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT AND OPERATOR I TO FILL VACANT POSITIONS IN PUBLIC WORKS

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

WHEREAS, two vacancies now exists in Public Works, one in the Solid Waste Division and one in Streets & Drainage Division 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 an Assistant Superintendent in Solid Waste and to hire or promote an Operator I in Streets and Drainage.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free and second by Mr. Thomas Harvey and adopted on the 7th day of October, 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

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 69 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE FIRE DEPARTMENT LINE EMPLOYEE TO BE REPLACED FOLLOWING 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 the Retirement of one Fire Line employee 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. Jeff Free and second by Mr. Don Williams and adopted on the 7th day of October, 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

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 70 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ONE POLICE SERGEANT TO POLICE LIEUTENANT AND ONE PATROLMAN TO POLICE SERGEANT

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

WHEREAS, a Lieutenant with the Bossier City Police Department retired leaving one vacancy in the rank of Lieutenant, and filling this position will allow all shift operations to continue; and

WHEREAS, with the promotion of Sergeant to Lieutenant, one vacancy now exists in the rank of Sergeant, and filling this position will allow all shift operations to continue; 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 promote one Police Sergeant to Police Lieutenant and one patrolman to Police 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. Jeffery Darby and adopted on the 7th day of October, 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

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 71 Of 2014

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

WHEREAS, It is necessary to replace an 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 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. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby and adopted on the 7th, day of October, 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

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 72 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF ONE TRAFFIC ANALYST FOR THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION.

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

WHEREAS, **a vacancy will exist in the Division of Traffic Engineering due to a planned voluntary resignation; and**

WHEREAS, **the new hire shall be allowed to begin employment two weeks prior to the resignation in order for the new hire to receive on the job training;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby authorize the replacement of one Traffic Analyst for the Traffic Engineering Division.

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. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey and adopted on the 7th day of October, 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

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 73 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ONE POLICE OFFICER TO REPLACE A RETIRED OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, with the retirement of one Police Officer on 9/25/14, one vacancy now exists in the Police Department, and filling this position 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 hire one Police Officer.

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 7th day of October, 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

Public Hearing for the City of Bossier City's 2015 CDBG Action Plan for application for Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Mr. Williams opened the hearing. Bob Brown, Community Development Director went over the funding request. No comment from the audience. Mr. Williams closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 74 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING (ENTITLEMENT STATUS) UNDER AUTHORITY OF TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (42 U.S.C. 3535) (d) and (42 U.S.C. 5301) (et.seq.)

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana that the City of Bossier City Council hereby supports the City's Five-Year

Consolidated Strategy Plan and 2014 Action Plan and application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding (Entitlement Status) under authority of the Consolidation for the following: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS): title I of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12702-12711; Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. 5304-5320; Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG): title VI, subtitle B, of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11371-11378; HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME): title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez Nation Affordable Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 12741-12839; Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA): the AIDS; Housing Opportunity Act, 42 U.S.C. 12901-12912; Also serving as a basis for determining requirements in this rule are the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619), title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, and Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u).

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the Community Development Entitlement Program is the development of viable urban communities, including decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income, and whereas, consistent with this primary objective, the Federal Assistance realized from this application is for the support of community development activities which are directed toward the following specific objectives:

- (1) The elimination of slums and blight and the prevention of blighting influences and the deterioration of property and neighborhood and community facilities of importance to the welfare of the community, principally persons of low and moderate income;
- (2) The elimination of conditions which are detrimental to health, safety and public welfare, through code enforcement, demolition, interim rehabilitation assistance, and related activities;
- (3) The conservation of the city's housing stock in order to provide a decent home and a suitable living environment for all persons, but principally those of low and moderate income;
- (4) The improvement of the quality of community services, principally for persons of low and moderate income, which are essential for sound community development;
- (5) The reduction of the isolation of income groups within communities and geographical areas and the promotion of an increase in the diversity and vitality of neighborhoods of housing opportunities for person of lower income and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods to attract persons of higher income; and
- (6) The restoration and preservation of properties of special value or historic, architecture or aesthetic reasons.

WHEREAS, THE City of Bossier City possesses legal authority to apply for this grant, and all other related Housing Urban Development Programs to execute all proposed projects and whereas, this City is now established as an “Entitlement City”;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Bossier City hereby supports Lorenz Walker, Mayor of Bossier City, Louisiana, the chief official of Bossier City, to apply for and sign all document as necessary and appropriate in the City’s application of Housing and Urban Development Programs.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote and declared adopted on the 7th ____ day of October, 2014 by the following vote is on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, Council Vice President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve Parade Fee Waiver for Parkway High School Homecoming Parade, October 2, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Free

Motion to approve the appointment of Lou Chandler as the Governing Authority Board Member of the Bossier City Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board. Appointment effective October 7, 2014 and expires March 6, 2017.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Mayor Walker recognized Mr. Chandler and the Council thanked him for his service.

No other comment.

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 75 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE DISPOSITION OF FUNDS FOR THE 2014 DEQ REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR CERTAIN UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City has taken out \$10,000,000 in low interest revolving fund loans from the State of Louisiana, Department of Environmental Quality, to provide for certain utility improvements, and

WHEREAS, any disposition of said funds shall be approved and appropriated through ordinance adoption in regular session convened of the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, a budget for the disposition of said funds has been formulated and attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the attached budget be approved and accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any disposition of said funds shall be approved and appropriated through ordinance adoption in regular session convened of the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana.

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. Jeff Free and adopted on the 7th day of October, 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

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 76 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR THE DISPOSITION OF FUNDS FOR THE 2014 UTILITY BOND ISSUE FUND FOR CERTAIN UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City has issued \$22,000,000 in Utility Bonds, to provide for certain utility improvements, and

WHEREAS, any disposition of said funds shall be approved and appropriated through ordinance adoption in regular session convened of the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, a budget for the disposition of said funds has been formulated and attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the attached budget be approved and accepted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any disposition of said funds shall be approved and appropriated through ordinance adoption in regular session convened of the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin and adopted on the 7th day of October, 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. Irwin

Motion to introduce and Ordinance to appropriate \$2,500,000 from the 2014 DEQ Revolving Loan Fund to provide for the Rehabilitation Construction Services for the Riverview Lift Station and Forcemain.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No Comment

Vote favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Free

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$4,175,000 to provide for Professional Waste Water Design Services.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Hearing of appeal for inoperable vehicle - Lashon Giles, 508 Joannes Street, Bossier City, LA:

Ms. Giles requested more time from the Council in order to sell her vehicle.

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to give Ms. Giles 30 days to remove her vehicle or to bring it into compliance.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriated \$120,000 from the 2008 Utility Bond Issue Capital Projects Fund to supplement the previously appropriated funds to facilitate the completion of the AMR Large Meter Project.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars from the 2014 DEQ Revolving Loan Fund to provide for professional and construction services associated with a sanitary sewer system evaluation survey.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Justin Haydel and Jeffery Anderson went over the project with the Council

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$76,000 to come from the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund to be used to contract with Mike McSwain Architect for the design of a new pool house for the Meadowview Pool.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

Questions from Council and also from Courtney Williams, 207 Norcross about the scope and price of the renovations.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Announcements

NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, will meet in open and public session on the 4th day of November, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., at the City Council Office located at 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held in Bossier City, Louisiana on March 28, 2015, for renewal of two ad valorem property tax millages for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Fire and Police Departments of the City.

Also announced a reminder about the NLCOG workshop taking place immediately following this meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM by Mr. Larkin.

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk

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