

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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, September 16, 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 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. Williams

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014, Regular Meeting and September 9, 2014, Special Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to amend agenda to include item #7 under New Business - Introduce 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.

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:

Councilmen Montgomery and Williams presented a Proclamation to Dustin and Kelly Brandon and Robert Kyle and publicly thanked Parks Director, Clay Bohanan, and his staff for their above and beyond efforts to bring the Dixie World Series to Bossier and for its overwhelming success.

Committee Reports:

Finance Director, Joe Buffington, gave monthly financial update

Unfinished Business:

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 74 OF 2014

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$1.5 MILLION TO COME FROM THE RIVERBOAT GAMING CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND AND TRANSFER AN ADDITIONAL \$293,146 FROM RIVERBOAT GAMING CAPITAL PROJECT FUND WITH THE SUM OF \$1,793,146 TO BE USED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF WALKER PLACE PARK.

WHEREAS, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between City of Bossier City and U.L. Coleman Co. dated December 10, 2012 requires that Bossier City develop a Park to be located North of the Arena, South of Walker Place, East of A.R.T. Parkway and West of Century Link Blvd. and to spend \$1 million on construction of said Park and requires that a Pedestrian Bridge be constructed from the Park over the A.R.T. Parkway to the Red River Walking Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to appropriate additional funds to the Park project with a new Park construction budget not to exceed \$2,293,146; and

WHEREAS, in addition to construction cost, other cost associated with creation of said Park include but are not limited to: planning, design, project management, land surveying, soils borings; and

WHEREAS, \$1.5 million is available from the Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects Fund to be used for creation of the Park; and

WHEREAS, \$293,146 is available to be transferred from the Pedestrian Bridge Project Budget to the Park Project Budget ; and

WHEREAS, \$ 1 million has previously been dedicated to the Walker Place Park Project Budget; and

WHEREAS, the sum total of \$2,793,146 is to be used to create the Walker Place Park with Park construction cost not to exceed \$2,293,146.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened does hereby appropriate \$1.5 million to come from the Riverboat Gaming Capital Project Fund and transfer an additional \$293,146 from Riverboat Gaming Capital Project Fund with the sum of \$1,793,146 to be used to contribute to the creation of Walker Place Park.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to appropriate 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 16th day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., 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 Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 75 Of 2014

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL TO ACCESS ALL CITY SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF BOSSIER CITY.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bossier City pay taxes to fund infrastructure within the City Limits of Bossier City and have a vested interest in assuring those services are available to protect the City and promote orderly growth; and

WHEREAS, protecting these services will provide for quality services to the citizens at the lowest cost and allow the City of Bossier City to provide for economic development opportunities within the City Limits of Bossier City;

WHEREAS, utility and public safety services are necessary to the progressive growth of the City of Bossier City and are directly related to an orderly expansion of the City Limits of Bossier City by annexation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that all access to City Services outside the City limits of Bossier City shall be approved by the Bossier City Council including but not limited to all utility use or public safety agreements.

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 16th, day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., 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 Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 76 Of 2014

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 9.920 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NATIONAL CYBER RESEARCH PARK TO THE STATE OF LOUISIANA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City and the Parish of Bossier purchased property to advance the National Cyber Research Park for the purpose of providing a physical location for government, private industry and academia to collaborate, perform leading research and develop start of the art technologies; and

WHEREAS, Bossier Parish Community College has partnered with the Cyber Innovation Center to develop programs that support cyber and technology careers; and

WHEREAS, funds generated from bonds issued pursuant to Act 360 will provide funds for the BPCC Science, Technology and Math (STEM) Building;

WHEREAS, a requirement of the funding is that the project have no less than a 12% match to the Act 360 bond funding; and

WHEREAS, the City and Parish have a 9.920 acre tract of land in the National Cyber Research Park appraised at a value of \$2,376,522.50 which will provide the match needed for BPCC to proceed with the referenced building;

WHEREAS, the building will also provide benefit to the Cyber Innovation Center pursuant to a mutually agreeable Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Cyber Innovation Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the two thirds interest owned by the City of Bossier City in the 9.920 acre tract of land more particularly described as:

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

A certain tract of land containing 9.920 acres, more or less, being located in Sections 18 & 19, Township 18 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Section 19 and proceed North 00° 28' 08" East a distance of 2713.13 feet; thence proceed North 74° 10' 21" East a distance of 3014.12 feet to a found ¾" iron pipe; thence proceed North 20° 01' 21" West a distance of 960.75 feet to a set ½" iron pipe being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue North 20° 01' 21" West a distance of 971.00 feet to a found ¾" iron rod located on the southerly right-of-way of US Highway 80; thence proceed North 69° 56' 25" East along said southerly right-of-way a distance of 445.00 feet to a set ½" iron pipe; thence leaving said southerly right-of-way proceed South 20° 01' 21" East a distance of 971.00 feet to a set ½" iron pipe; thence proceed south 69° 56' 25" West a distance of 445.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, all as further shown hereon, and being subject to any and all servitudes, easements and/or rights-of-way of record or of use.

Shall be transferred to BPCC Foundation, Inc. which will immediately transfer the property to the State of Louisiana for the use and benefit of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City Campus.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Mayor Lorenz Walker shall be authorized to execute any and all documents in conjunction with this transaction.

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. Scott Irwin, and adopted on the 16th, day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: Mr. Darby

Timothy Larkin, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business:

The following bids were read by Joe Buffington, Finance Director

2014 Large Meter Vault Project

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| 1. Yor-Wic Construction | \$269,100.00 |
| 2. Pulley Construction | \$319,050.00 |

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to take bids under advisement.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item - Adopt a Resolution authorizing the organization of the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) as a Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation and filing Articles of Incorporation with the Office of the Secretary of State for Louisiana.

By: Mr. Montgomery

Motion to continue the above item until the Regular Meeting on October 7, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF, PROMOTION TO OR TRANSFER TO A TRUCK DRIVER I TO FILL A VACANT 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; and

WHEREAS, a Truck Driver I position in the Street Sweeping & Grass Cutting division is vacant 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, promote or transfer to a Truck Driver 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. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 16th day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., 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. 65 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE OR PROMOTE TWO UTILITY WORKERS, ONE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AND ONE MAINTENANCE FOREMAN TO REPLACE VACANT POSITIONS IN PUBLIC UTILITIES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City authorizes the hiring or promotion of two utility workers, one wastewater treatment plant operator and one maintenance foreman 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 two utility workers, one wastewater treatment plant operator and one maintenance foreman 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. Scott Irwin and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 16th day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., 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 Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF REPLACEMENTS FOR TWO POLICE OFFICERS AND A JAILER ONE TO REPLACE TWO RESIGNATIONS AND A TERMINATION 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 Officers and a Jailer One to replace two resignations and a termination 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. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 16th day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., 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. 67 Of 2014

AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POSITIONS TO BE FILLED IN THE BOSSIER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF THE CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS RETIREMENT, HIRING THREE FIREFIGHTERS TO FILL VACANCIES AND CONSOLIDATING DUTIES RESULTING IN A NET SAVINGS OF \$29,393.04.

WHEREAS, the Chief of Communications will retire effective December 31, 2014, which will trigger the following promotions; and

- Promote 1 supervisor to Chief of Communications
- Promote 1 Fire Communications Officer to Supervisor
- Promote 1 Fire Line employee to Fire Communication Officer

WHEREAS, one firefighter resigned, a records clerk retired and one Fire Line employee will be promoted to Fire Communications officer creating 3 vacancies for firefighter; and

WHEREAS, the chief's secretary will be handling EMS division requirements and communication reporting requirements consolidating those requirements with her normal duties and justifying a \$6,000.00 pay increase per year; and

WHEREAS, all the aforementioned hirings, promotions and adjustments will result in a \$29,393.04 annual savings to the fire department budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the fire department is hereby authorized to hire 3 firefighters, increase the pay of the fire chief's secretary by \$6,000.00 and make the following promotions:

- Promote 1 supervisor to Chief of Communications
- Promote 1 Fire Communications Officer to Supervisor
- Promote 1 Fire Line employee to Fire Communication Officer

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on the 16th, day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., 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 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.

Seconded by: Mr. Irwin

No 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.

Due to September having 5 Tuesdays there will not be a meeting the week of September 23, 2014.

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM by Mr. Larkin.

Respectfully submitted:

**Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk**

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