

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, met in Regular session in City Court, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, January 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM.

Council President, Chris Smith called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given by Council Member Debra W. Ross

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Cliff Smith

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable Councilor, President Chris Smith, Honorable Councilors Craton Cochran, Brian Hammons, Debra W. Ross, and Cliff Smith

Absent: Honorable Councilors Joel Girouard and Vince Maggio

Also Present: Mayor, Thomas Chandler, City Attorney, Charles Jacobs, and City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw read the statement about public participation in the meeting and disclosure of conflicts.

Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests

Mr. Keith Carter, owner of the Louisiana Rouxgaroux, thanked the Mayor, City Council and Bossier City for their support of the area's only arena football team. Mr. Carter invited everyone to attend the seven home games scheduled at Brookshires Grocery Arena, adding that the first three games will be at home.

Council President Chris Smith recognized all the dignitaries in the audience.

By: Mr. Cliff Smith

Motion to approve Agenda

Seconded by Mrs. Debra W. Ross

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Brian Hammons

Motion to approve Minutes of January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Bids

Witness Opening of Sealed Bids for Bid #P26-03 Unplanned Concrete 2026-Utilities

David B. Womack Contractor LLC: \$373,018.25

Dale’s Paving Inc.: \$284,050

James R. Martin B&R LLC: \$248,102.50

By: Mr. Brian Hammons

Motion to approve reading of bids

Seconded by Mrs. Debra W. Ross

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Witness Opening of Sealed Bids for Bid #P26-07 Demolition of 2110 Benton Road (Old Nichols Lube Building)

Lathan Construction LLC: \$41,363

Sams Construction LLC: \$140,000

Stong’s Backhoe Service: \$38,500

By: Mr. Brian Hammons

Motion to approve reading of bids

Seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith

Council member Brian Hammons, Denna Beauchemin, Purchasing Agent, and Richard Ray, Assistant City Attorney discussed the bid amounts and potential environmental issues at the property. Mr. Ray confirmed that Jones Environmental completed an inspection of the property with favorable results.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Emergent Business

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 7 Of 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO THE REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE COLLAPSED GRAIVTY SEWER MAIN ON VOSS DR. AT COST OF \$297,000.00 TO COME FROM SEWER CAPITAL CONTINGENCY FUND.

WHEREAS, The Public Utilities Department responded to two emergency collapses on the gravity main along Voss Dr. causing sanitary sewer to back up requiring immediate bypass operation; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department required support to make the repairs to the main due to the material, size, depth, and existing utility conflicts at the locations; and

WHEREAS, the repairs and replacement of entire segment and service were solicited and determined it will cost \$297,000.00 in labor, equipment, and materials to complete the efforts; and

WHEREAS, \$297,000.00 shall be appropriated from the Sewer Capital Contingency Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, does hereby declare that an emergency exists and authorizes the Mayor to appropriate \$297,000.00 to come from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to be used for the

purpose of replacing the sewer main from each manhole.; and authorizes the City to enter into any necessary contracts for completion of the work.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the 2026 Sewer Capital and Contingency Budget is hereby amended to increase expenditures for required repairs by \$297,000.00 and decrease Fund Balance by \$297,000.00.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mrs. Debra W. Ross and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will become legal immediately.

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 8 Of 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE THAT AN EMERGENCY DID EXIST IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY WHICH AFFECTED PROPERTY, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND SAFETY DUE TO THE REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE INFLUENT SEWER MANHOLE AT CENTRAL PARK LIFT STATION AT COST OF \$92,000.00 TO COME FROM SEWER CAPITAL CONTINGENCY FUND.

WHEREAS, The Public Utilities Department responded to an emergency sewer failure at 898 Central Park Blvd and replace influent manhole to the lift station servicing the central park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department required support to make the repairs to the main due to the material, size, depth, and existing utility conflicts at the locations; and

WHEREAS, the repairs were solicited and determined it will cost \$92,000.00 in labor, equipment, and materials to complete the repair efforts; and

WHEREAS, \$92,000.00 shall be appropriated from the Sewer Capital Contingency Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, does hereby declare that an emergency exists and authorizes the Mayor to appropriate \$92,000.00 to come from the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to be used for replacing influent manhole at central park lift station.; and authorizes the City to enter into any necessary contracts for completion of the work.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the 2026 Sewer Capital and Contingency Budget is hereby amended to increase expenditures for required repairs by \$92,000.00 and decrease Fund Balance by \$92,000.00.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will become legal immediately.

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Public Hearings/Actions on Unfinished Business

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 9 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REPORT OF CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR THE LATERAL B-1 DITCH PAVING PROJECT, WITH AN INCREASE OF \$88,750.00 AND AN ADDITIONAL 10 DAYS, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$2,225,272.00.

WHEREAS; Ordinance 67 of 2022 appropriated \$35,000 for the design and study of potential improvements to the Lateral B-1 Drainage Canal; and

WHEREAS; Ordinance 120 of 2022 appropriated \$1,000,000 for the design and construction of improvements to the Lateral B-1 Drainage Canal; and

WHEREAS; Ordinance 69 of 2024 appropriated \$150,000 for the for the design and construction of improvements to the Lateral B-1 Drainage Canal; and

WHEREAS; the Bossier Parish Levee Board has agreed to provide \$1,200,000 towards this project; and

WHEREAS; the Lateral B-1 Ditch Paving Project requires the cleanout of the existing concrete ditch from Airline Drive to 50 feet South of the railroad; and

WHEREAS; the aforementioned work requires an additional lump sum of \$88,750.00 and an additional 10 days; and

WHEREAS; an additional \$88,750.00 and will be added to the contract price, for a total contract of \$2,225,272.00 for this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in regular session convened that the Bossier City Council does hereby approve report of Change Order 2 for the Lateral B-1 Ditch Paving Project, with an increase of \$88,750.00, for a total contract price of \$2,225,272.00, and an additional ten working days; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on January 28, 2026 and become legal 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda item called - Adopt an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 138 of 2015 and declare "The Voting Board" as surplus to the City's needs and provide for disposal according to law.

Council member Cliff Smith clarified that the Voting Board will be donated to the History Center.

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 138 OF 2015 AND DECLARE “THE VOTING BOARD” AS SURPLUS TO THE CITY’S NEEDS AND PROVIDE FOR DISPOSAL ACCORDING TO LAW

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 138 of 2015 designated the “Voting Board” from the City Council Chambers as having an historical significance; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 138 of 2015 required preserving the Bossier City Council “Voting Board” from the City Council Chamber to be displayed in the Bossier City Council Conference Room in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, due to upgrades in City Council Chambers and Council Clerk offices, the “Voting Board” will need to be removed and as such offices will no longer be able to accommodate Ord 138 of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier City Council wishes to declare the “Voting Board” as surplus to the City’s needs and authorizes the Purchasing Agent to dispose of said item in accordance with State law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that this Ordinance will repeal Ordinance 138 of 2015 and declare “The Voting Board” as surplus to the City’s needs and provide for disposal according to law.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Cliff Smith and seconded by Mrs. Debra W. Ross and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on January 28, 2026 and become legal 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: Mr. Hammons

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER \$2,200,000 FROM THE RIVERBOAT GAMING TRUST FUND TO THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND FOR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION PREMIUMS

WHEREAS, a transfer of \$2,200,000 from the Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund to the Risk Management Fund is needed to pay workers’ compensation premiums; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is required to transfer appropriations between funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, that the Council approves a transfer of \$2,200,000 from the Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund to the Risk Management Fund to pay workers’ compensation premiums.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the 2026 Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund Budget is hereby amended to increase Transfers Out by \$2,200,000 and decrease Fund Balance by \$2,200,000 and the 2026 Risk Management Fund Budget is hereby amended to increase Transfers In by \$2,200,000 and increase Insurance Premiums by \$2,200,000.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mrs. Debra

W. Ross and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on January 28, 2026 and become legal 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 12 Of 2026

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL OPERATING

WHEREAS, the Bossier City Charter Section 6.06 Additional appropriations and budget amendments require that additional appropriations be made by amending the respective budgets by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Operating budget need to have amendments made to better serve the department operations; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that additional appropriations of \$31,200 from the 2026 General Fund Fund Balance to cover operational and maintenance costs for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 City Council Operating budget need be amended to appropriate additional funding to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover anticipated expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, does hereby amend the 2026 City Council Operating Budget to increase Software Maintenance and Subscriptions by \$25,000, Postage by \$100, Storage fees by \$2,100, Memberships and Subscriptions by \$2,000, Fuel by \$1,500, Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs by \$500.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026, with the votes listed below. Further this Ordinance will publish on January 28, 2026 and become legal 10 days following publication.

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business

By: Mrs. Debra W. Ross

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$500,000 for the water capital and contingency fund to plan, design, and construct commercial water filling stations.

Seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Chris Smith

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Thomas Chandler to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding for Crossing Guards between the City of Bossier City and Bossier Parish School Board for the cost-sharing of Crossing Guards utilized throughout Bossier City.

Seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith

No comment

Motion carried with the following votes:

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: Mr. Hammons

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

By: Mrs. Debra W. Ross

Motion to introduce an Ordinance amending Ordinance 121 of 2025 changing funding source from the 2025 Hotel/Motel fund budget to the 2026 Hotel/Motel fund budget.

Seconded by Mr. Chris Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 4 of 2026

A RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ANGELA WILLIAMSON TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, STATE OF LOUISIANA ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 33:4548.16, inclusive, is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act creates the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority (the "Authority") for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions, as defined in the Act, and other designated entities in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), is a participating political subdivision of the Authority in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4548.4 of the Act, this City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of the City, desires to approve the appointment of Angela Williamson to serve as a Director of the Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana (the "City"), that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Angela Williamson to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately, and a certified copy hereof shall be forwarded to the offices of the Authority.

The above and foregoing Resolution was presented and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mrs. Debra W. Ross and seconded by Mr. Brian Hammons and adopted on the 20th day of January, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, City Council President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda item called - Adopt a Resolution nominating for confirmation by the Bossier City Council Shane Cheatham as the City's Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Shane Cheatham read a prepared statement thanking the Council and Mayor for their consideration. Council members Brian Hammons and Chris Smith voiced their support of Mr. Cheatham.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION NOMINATING FOR CONFIRMATION BY THE BOSSIER CITY COUNCIL SHANE CHEATHAM AS THE CITY'S CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exist in the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, Shane Cheatham has all the required qualifications and experience necessary to be the Chief Administrative Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the nomination of Shane Cheatham as Chief Administrative Officer at the same salary as the former Chief Administrative Officer is hereby confirmed.

The above and foregoing Resolution was presented and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Hammons and adopted on the 20th day of January, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 6 Of 2026

A RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO FILL A FULL TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION AND BACKFILL ANY VACANT POSITION THIS CREATES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 76 of 2019 implemented a budgetary control requiring a resolution to be approved by the Bossier City Council prior to hiring or employment of any individual receiving wages, compensation, or remuneration for labor including temporary or contractual employment; and

WHEREAS, a full time Animal Control Officer position is vacant due to termination and creates the need to fulfill by hiring or promoting from within and backfill any position this creates; and

WHEREAS, the administration and department assure that the current budget has been verified and that funding available in the total budgeted salaries is not exceeded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to replace the position due to an opening and backfill any position this creates by hiring or promoting within the Department of Public Works with no impact to the existing budget.

The above and foregoing Resolution was presented and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith and adopted on the 20th day of January, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 7 Of 2026

A RESOLUTION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION TO FILL A FIELD SUPERVISOR IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION AND BACKFILL ANY VACANT POSITION THIS CREATES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 76 of 2019 implemented a budgetary control requiring a resolution to be approved by the Bossier City Council prior to hiring or employment of any individual receiving wages, compensation, or remuneration for labor including temporary or contractual employment; and

WHEREAS, a field supervisor position is vacant due to termination, creating the need to fulfill by hiring or promoting from within and backfill any position this creates; and

WHEREAS, the administration and department assure that the current budget has been verified and that funding available in the total budgeted salaries is not exceeded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Department of Parks and Recreation is hereby authorized to replace a position due to openings and backfill any position this creates by hiring or promoting within the Department of Parks and Recreation with no impact to the existing budget.

The above and foregoing Resolution was presented and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mrs. Debra W. Ross, and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 8 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A UTILITY WORKER FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION IN PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPT.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 76 of 2019 implemented a budgetary control requiring a resolution to be approved by the Bossier City Council prior to the hiring or employment of any individual receiving wages, compensation, or remuneration for any labor including temporary or contractual employment.

WHEREAS, the position of Utility Worker is vacant due to resignation and

WHEREAS, the administration and the department assures that all current budgets have been verified and that no authorized salary has been exceeded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to proceed with hiring procedures for the fulfillment of this position.

The above and foregoing Resolution was presented and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith, and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OR PROMOTION OF AN APPLICATION ANALYST IN THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT DUE TO SEPARATION AND BACKFILLING ANY VACANT POSITIONS THIS MAY CREATE

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 76 of 2019 implemented a budgetary control requiring a resolution to be approved by the Bossier City Council prior to the hiring or employment of any individual receiving wages, compensation, or remuneration for any labor including temporary or contractual employment; and **WHEREAS**, the Information Services Department has an available position due to separation of an employee; and

WHEREAS, this separation provides for an opportunity to hire a replacement or promote from within and backfill any vacancies created; and

WHEREAS, this action will have no impact on the existing budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to hire or promote an Application Analyst in the Information Services Department and backfill any vacancies this may create with no impact to the existing budget.

The above and foregoing Resolution was presented and opened for public comment in open and legal session convened, was adopted on a motion by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Cliff Smith, and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Hammons, Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Cliff Smith

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Girouard and Mr. Maggio

ABSTAIN: None

Chris Smith, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Reports

Angela Williamson, Finance Director went over the Monthly Finance Report and noted that sales tax was under 1.4%.

Andy Bajnauth, City Engineer went over the Monthly Project Report and noted the various stages each project was in.

Announcements

Mayor Tommy Chandler welcomed new CAO Shane Cheatham, adding that it was a great day in Bossier City.

Mr. Cliff Smith thanked Marissa Jones, the Water Department, Fire Chief Blair Bockhaus, and Todd Thompson with Waggoner Engineering for their work addressing a citizen's busted water pipe.

Mrs. Debra Ross thanked Mary Ward, Parks and Rec Director for all the work she and the department have done at the Hooter Park Community Center.

Mr. Chris Smith also welcomed new CAO Shane Cheatham, adding that he was looking forward to working with someone who loves Bossier City as much as he does.

There being no further business to come before this Council, Council President Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:39 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Publish January 28, 2026