

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY  
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2022

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 15, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Chris Smith

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable, President Don Williams, Honorable Councilors David Montgomery, Jr., Chris Smith, Brian Hammons, Jeffery Darby, Jeff Free and Vince Maggio

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

Council Smith and Mayor Chandler made presentation to Parkway High School Basketball Jr. Makayla Williams.

City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw, read statement about decorum during meeting and public participation in the meeting.

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to approve minutes from the March 1, 2022, Regular Council meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Hammons

Motion to approve Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**Bids –**

Agenda Item called: Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid #P22-02 – Bossier City Municipal Annex Parking Lot Improvements.

Boggs & Poole Contracting Group, Inc.	\$297,200.00	\$41,700.00
Daren Bailey, Inc.	\$300,776.00	\$45,544.00
Grindstone Construction	\$349,000.00	\$75,000.00
James R. Martin Building & Remodeling, LLC	\$300,791.00	\$40,296.00
RVP Construction, Inc.	\$348,777.00	\$43,000.00

By: Mr. Hammons

Motion to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**Unfinished Business –**

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:**

**Ordinance No. 34 Of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENT OF THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE BOSSIER CITY MARSHAL AND AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

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**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Revised Statute 13:1881 General powers and duties of marshal; deputy marshals states that in no event shall the salary of any deputy exceed that of his city marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, as of January 1, 2022 the salary of the Chief Deputy Marshal exceeds the salary of the City Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, adjustment to the City Marshal salary is required to ensure compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 13:1881; and

**WHEREAS**, an amendment to the General Fund budget is required to appropriate \$7,635 for the salary adjustment and related benefits;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, hereby authorizes an annual salary adjustment in the amount of \$6,200 for the City Marshal retroactive to January 1, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the 2022 General Fund Budget is hereby amended to increase expenditures for City Marshal Department Salaries and Benefits by \$7,635 and decrease Fund Balance by \$7,635.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**Don Williams, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:**

**Ordinance No 35 Of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE FULL SUM OF ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$1,645,937) FROM THE SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL AWARD**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Bossier City has received a supplemental award for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms of the SVOG, eligible award costs must be incurred by June 30, 2022 and funds must be fully expended by February 10, 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the City of Bossier City releases the supplemental SVOG funds to be used for any such purpose, items, repairs, materials, projects, and works necessary and appropriate and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SVOG.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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Don Williams, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 36 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REPORT OF CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR THE SOUTH BOSSIER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 5 DAYS, AND AN INCREASE OF \$8,119.10 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$2,774,119.10.**

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**WHEREAS**; the South Bossier Redevelopment Project had some weather delays and some delays due to underground conduit and service disconnects; and

**WHEREAS**; an additional Five (5) days are requested, to add to the contract price; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, in regular session convened that the Bossier City Council does hereby approve the report of Change Order 2 for the South Bossier Redevelopment Project with an additional \$8,119.10, and an increase of Five (5) 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 read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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Don Williams, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 37 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REPORT OF CHANGE ORDER 2 FOR THE EASTBANK FIRE STATION PROJECT WITH AN INCREASE OF \$17,974.56 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$2,876,632.56.**

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**WHEREAS;** the Eastbank Fire Station Project had some required changes; and

**WHEREAS;** an additional \$17,974.56 is required to make the changes per ASI 02;  
and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, in regular session convened that the Bossier City Council does hereby approve the report of Change Order 2 for the Eastbank Fire Station Project with an additional \$17,974.56 for a total contract price of \$2,876,632.56; 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 read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith, and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**Don Williams, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 38 OF 2022**

**ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REPORT OF CHANGE ORDER FOR THE LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (LTRI) WITH AN ADDITIONAL FIFTY FOUR (54) DAYS, AND AN INCREASE OF \$385,632.65 FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE OF \$20,069,865.55.**

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**WHEREAS;** Ordinance No. 41 of 2020 appropriated \$1,000,000.00 to come from the 2016 Sales Tax Bond Issue to Fund Part of the Required \$2.5 Million for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment for Construction; and

**WHEREAS;** the State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control Division of Administration is reimbursing the construction costs at 100%, excluding change orders, and being that there is funds available from Ordinance 41 of 2020 to cover change order increase in Contract price to Boggs & Poole Contracting Group, via Changer Order No. 4 in the amount of \$385,632.65; and

**WHEREAS;** fifty four (54) days where added to the contract via Change Order No. 4; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, agrees to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Construction Contract with an additional fifty four (54) day and an increase of \$385,632.65 for a total contract price of \$20,069,865.55.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free, and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio  
NAYS: none  
ABSENT: none  
ABSTAIN: none

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**Don Williams, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**The following Ordinance offered and adopted:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 39 OF 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 78-7 – CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE GENERALLY TO INCLUDE THE POSITION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER/KENNEL TRAINER IN THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN ASSIGNMENT OF JOB CLASSES TO GRADE LEVELS.**

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**WHEREAS,** The Bossier City, Louisiana Code of Ordinances Section 78-6 – Classification plan paragraph (d) states the approval of the city council is required for the establishment of a new class and/or the changing of any existing class from one pay grade to another; and

**WHEREAS,** this position is created to promote a Kennel Worker II and increase pay rate by \$1.15/HR to total \$14.50/HR

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Public Works has sufficient budgeted funds to support the above described increase in pay and said increase will not require any amendment to the existing 2022 City Budget Ordinance

**WHEREAS,** the needs of the Animal Control Department will be better served by an Animal Control Officer/Kennel Trainer

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, authorizes administration to create a new position of an Animal Control Office/Kennel Trainer retroactive to February 24, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** that the Classification Plan Assignment of Job Classes to Grade Levels is amended to include the position of Animal Control Officer/Kennel Trainer in Grade 5.

The above and foregoing Ordinance, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Hammons, and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none  
ABSENT: none  
ABSTAIN: none

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**Don Williams, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**New Business –**

Agenda Item called: Approve appointment of Charles C. Grubb or Paul Marshall as the joint appointee to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors.

Discussion among Council Members on item. Mr. Paul Marshall spoke that he was the nominee from the parish.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to continue item until the March 29, 2022, meeting to discuss with Parish and have everything straightened out.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to repeal and replace section 14-33 in the Bossier City Code of Ordinances.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Discussion from audience members and Council on poultry issue. Audience members both for and against spoke on issue.

No further comment

Motion defeated unanimously

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to introduce an Ordinance prohibiting payment to a solicitor for the purpose of securing a public works contract.

Seconded by Mr. Hammons

Discussion among Council members, Mayor and City Attorney on issue

Motion defeated as follows:

Yeas: Mr. Smith and Mr. Hammons

Nays: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

Abstain: none

Absent: none

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to amend the 2021 Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Finance Director Angela Williamson explained issue and Mr. Montgomery reported on new steps in the Finance Department to keep from having issue again.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to amend the 2021 Hotel Motel Taxes Fund in accordance with the Local Government Budget Act.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams commented same as previous item

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance amending the Bossier City, Louisiana Code of Ordinances Section 78-7 - Classified and Unclassified Service generally to include the position of Flood Plain Analyst in the Classification Plan Assignment of Job Classes to Grade Levels.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

City Engineer, Ben Rauschenbach reported on what the item was.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called – Adopt a Resolution of support for Amtrak passenger rail service along the I-20 corridor through Bossier City.

Jack Skaggs, Coordinating and Development Corporation, explained what project would entail and that this was just first step.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2022**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS THROUGH THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA ALONG THE I-20 CORRIDOR AND RELATED ISSUES**

RESOLUTION MADE BY: **CITY OF BOSSIER CITY**

WHEREAS, the Congress has recently passed a major infrastructure bill, which includes some sixty-six (66) billion dollar allocation for passenger rail and Amtrak;

WHEREAS, connecting Fort Worth, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia, with points along the Interstate 20 Corridor including the **CITY OF BOSSIER CITY**, would establish a passenger rail connection joining more than 14,000,000 residents throughout Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, and connecting these states with the East Coast and onward north to New York;

WHEREAS, the existing Interstate 20 was constructed almost sixty years ago, and there has been no material increase in capacity, despite the population growth throughout these states of two to three times during the last two generations, and there appear to be no present plans to materially expand the existing four lanes of Interstate 20 for the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS, the I-20 Corridor Council, representing many cities and councils of governments along the proposed route obtained federal funding and has completed two important studies, including

- (1) a 2015 Amtrak **feasibility study** which determined that a long-distance passenger rail connection could operate profitably over the existing railroad infrastructure would require no annual governmental subsidy, and
- (2) a 2017 **capacity study** suggested that a capital expenditure investment of less than \$80 million in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. This would represent a fraction of the cost of conventional highway construction and would enable new passenger rail service on the route without adversely affecting freight traffic along the host railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-20 Rail Corridor service would provide an east-west connection consisting of two daily passenger trains for the regions of Dallas, Fort Worth and Atlanta and

would run through the City of Shreveport; and the proposed railway service will connect surrounding regions and result in increased economic viability for cities along the railway route for tourism and increased mobility by providing an alternative means of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, grassroots, multi-state coalitions including mayors, local, state and federal officials, business and economic leaders and many other stakeholders have shown great support for this opportunity along the I-20 corridor, and creating an economical and environmentally attractive addition to highway travel;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed acquisition of the Kansas City Southern Railway (“KCS”) by Canadian Pacific Railway (“CP”) is pending before the United States Surface Transportation Board, and Canadian Pacific and Amtrak have announced plans to conduct a study to finalize a cooperative agreement to operate the passenger train for the I 20 Corridor along the trackage being acquired by Canadian Pacific;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the **CITY OF BOSSIER CITY** in legal session convened, hereby recognizes and supports the efforts to construct and operate a long-distance passenger rail connection along the I-20 corridor, also supports the approval of the Surface Transportation Board of the merger between Kansas City Southern and Canadian Pacific Railways, and further supports the efforts to improve on-time performance of Amtrak passenger trains with the host railroad carriers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby, and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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Don Williams, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROMOTION FROM WITHIN DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE PURCHASING AGENT AND BACKFILLING ANY VACANT POSITION THIS MAY CREATE FOR THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

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**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 Purchasing Department has an available position due to the resignation of the Purchasing Agent; and

**WHEREAS**, this resignation provides an opportunity to promote from within and backfill a position to replace that individual; and

**WHEREAS**, this action will have no impact on the existing budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to promote from within to fill the Purchasing Agent position and backfill a position in the Finance Department.

The above and foregoing Resolution, 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 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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Don Williams, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**RESOLUTION 25 Of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OR PROMOTION OF A LABORER I AND BACKFILLING ANY POSITION THIS MAY CREATE FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 21 of 2018 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by any hiring of any personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the position of a Laborer I is vacant due to promotion, retirement, resignation or termination; 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 read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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Don Williams, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda Item called – Adopt a Resolution to approve the use of City Water and Sewer to serve the Vue at Kingston Development near the existing Kingston Crossing Apartments located on Kingston Road.

City Engineer, Ben Rauschenbach, explained what this was for and that it would only be water as the Parish would be supplying sewer service

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 26 OF 2022**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF CITY WATER AND SEWER TO SERVE THE VUE AT KINGSTON DEVELOPMENT NEAR THE EXISTING KINGSTON CROSSING APARTMENTS LOCATED ON KINGSTON ROAD.**

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**WHEREAS;** The Vue at Kingston is a development located outside the Bossier City limits; and

**WHEREAS;** it is requested for permission for the City of Bossier City to serve the development with water and sewer; and

**WHEREAS;** all permit fees, impact fees, and all other rules and regulations shall apply.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, resolves to approve the use of city water and sewer to serve the Vue at Kingston development.

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 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**Don Williams, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**RESOLUTION 27 Of 2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ONE (1) JAILER FOR THE BOSSIER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS,** Ordinance No. 21 of 2019 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by any hiring of any personnel; and

**WHEREAS,** the Hiring of one (1) Jailer due to Retirement

**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 read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Brian Hammons, and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**Don Williams, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2022**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY LIGHTING AT THE SHED ROAD & INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 220 INTERCHANGE.**

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**WHEREAS;** the Louisiana Department of Transportation will provide for the installation of roadway lighting at the interchange of Interstate Highway 220 and Shed Road; and

**WHEREAS;** prior to the installation of said lighting system, the City of Bossier City must enter into an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation which obligates the City to pay 10% of the construction cost, and take the garde, and assume all legal liability for, and all maintenance and energy costs of said system; and

**WHEREAS;** in order to proceed with the design of said roadway lighting system, the Department of Transportation and Development requires that the governing authority authorize the Mayor to execute the subject agreement on behalf of the City; and,

**WHEREAS;** Ordinance 123 of 2018 appropriated \$400,000 in the 2019 Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects Budget to be used for design and construction of high mast style lighting for the Shed / I-220 Interchange; and,

**WHEREAS;** Ordinance 46 of 2021 appropriated an additional \$150,000 from the Riverboat Capital Projects Fund for a total of \$535,200 for the design and construction of high mast style lighting for the Shed Road / I-220 Interchange; and,

**WHEREAS;** the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has a Preliminary Opinion of Probably Cost associated with the proposed project of \$2,000,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, resolves to authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Bossier City, an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development which obligates the City to pay 10% of the construction cost, and assume all legal liability for, and all maintenance and operating cost, of the subject lighting system.

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. David Montgomery, Jr., and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**Don Williams, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2022**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF EIGHT (8) FIREFIGHTERS DUE TO VACANCY FROM RESIGNATION / RETIREMENT:**

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

**WHEREAS**, eight vacancies exist in the Fire Department due to Resignation / Retirement 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 replace eight (8) Firefighter positions.

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. Vince Maggio, and adopted on the 15th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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Don Williams, President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve the placement in the official minutes the appointment of Steve Moran as the Governing Authority Board Member of the Bossier City Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board. This appointment was effective March 7, 2022 and expires on March 6, 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Mr. Moran came up and introduced himself to Council

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

### **Reports –**

Angela Williamson, Finance Director, gave Council the Monthly Financial Report for Month ending February 2022. She noted that they were still not finished with 2021 and would be making changes until the end of April and that February 2022 still contained preliminary numbers.

Mayor Chandler updated Council on upcoming Civil Service Test for all Police Chief candidates and that he would interview all. He also reported that he had been getting a lot of good feedback on the new Tinsley Ballfields. Bossier Schools are painting murals in hallways of City Hall and he asked that people go and see them.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM by Mr. Williams

### **Respectfully submitted:**

**Phyllis McGraw**

**City Clerk**

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