

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 29, 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 29, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Chris Smith

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Vince Maggio

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

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

By: Mr. Hammons

Motion to approve minutes from the March 15, 2022, Regular Council meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Free

Motion to approve Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests-

Wrestling State Champion Awards – Mr. Williams presented Council Proclamations to Bossier Wrestlers Ernie Perry III and Christian Johnson, that recently won the State Championships.

Bids –

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

Bidder	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3
Aquarius Contractors, Inc.	\$1,582,154.00	\$ 82,463.00	\$48,375.00	-----
ELA Group, Inc.	\$1,439,000.00	\$126,500.00	\$50,000.00	\$61,000.00
Martin Specialty Coatings	\$1,488,750.00	\$ 65,877.00	\$53,791.00	\$47,582.00
McInnis Brothers Const. Inc.	\$1,366,000.00	\$ 81,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$63,000.00

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to take bids under advisement.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Unfinished Business –

ORDINANCE NO. 40 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT DESIGN, DRAINAGE EASEMENTS, ARTICLE 11.4.6.C.2.

WHEREAS, the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission held a public hearing on February 14, 2022 to review the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment received a FAVORABLE recommendation from the MPC; and

WHEREAS, the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bossier City with a recommendation that the amendment be adopted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, the following Section of the Unified Development Code has been amended to read as follows:

Section 11.4.6.C.2 Drainage Easements

Drainage easements shall be unobstructed from the ground to the sky and remain free of any structures such as driveways, parking areas, accessory buildings or other similar structures without the permission of the City of Bossier City Engineer or the Bossier Parish Engineer and Bossier Parish Police Jury as determined by jurisdiction.

Motion was made by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio

to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

adopted this 29th day of March, 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

DON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

PHYLLIS McGRAW, CITY CLERK

C-73-21

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 41 Of 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 4602, 4604, 4606 AND 4608 SHED ROAD TO SASQUATCH PROPERTIES LLC TO REPURPOSE FOR COMMERCIAL USE FOR THE APPRAISED VALUE PURSUANT TO LOUISIANA R.S. 33:4712

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City owns 4602, 4604, 4606 and 4608, Shed Road (legal description in Exhibit "A" attached) located in Bossier City, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the referenced property has been appraised by Mike R. McHalfey Appraisals, LLC and the market value of the subject property as of November 17, 2021 is TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$24, 000.00).

WHEREAS, Sasquatch Properties, LLC proposes to use the property to build a multi-unit office/storage space to be leased to service industry type businesses; and

WHEREAS, this will be a commercial grade building which will meet the current codes and ordinances of Bossier City and will put the property back on the tax roll; and

WHEREAS, Sasquatch Properties, LLC shall be responsible for all costs including advertising costs, closing costs, and recording fees that are required to complete the transfer of the property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the City of Bossier City, after due notice intends to transfer said property pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:4712 in consideration of the economic benefit created as a result of the said transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance will be on file in the office of the Bossier City Council Clerk for public inspection and it constitutes the entirety of the contract between Sasquatch Properties, LLC; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any and all objections to said transaction shall be filed in the office of the Bossier City Council Clerk, prior to March 1, 2022 at 3:00 P.M. before the second reading of this ordinance and/or by appearing at the Bossier City Council meeting at which this ordinance will be considered for adoption.

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 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 42 Of 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMAS H. CHANLDER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED JOINT COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION, CADDO LEVEE DISTRICT, BOSSIER LEVEE DISTRICT, CITY OF SHREVEPORT AND THE CADDO BOSSIER PORT COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, there is a need to complete a navigability study of a certain portion of the Red River; and

WHEREAS, said study would result in a plan to create navigability of the Red River greatly increasing the commercial revenue to the Caddo-Bossier Port; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission desires that said study be conducted and whereas the City of Bossier City's representative on said Commission, James D. Hall is in favor of said study; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Mayor Thomas H. Chandler is hereby authorized to execute the attached Joint Cooperative Endeavor Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and further authorize expenditure of the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the 2022 General Fund-Fund Balance; said sum required to be paid by the City of Bossier City pursuant to said agreement for the completion of the above described study.

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 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 43 Of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021 RIVERBOAT GAMING TRUST FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

WHEREAS, the Local Government Budget Act requires budget amendment when total revenue and other sources plus projected revenue and other sources within a fund are failing to meet total budgeted revenues and other sources by 5% or more and when actual beginning fund balance within a fund fails to meet estimated beginning fund balance by 5% or more and fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund revenue for 2021 in the amount of \$41,447 is below the 2021 budgeted revenue in the amount of \$460,000 by \$418,553 or 91%; and

WHEREAS, the Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund actual beginning fund balance for 2021 in the amount of \$31,560,270 is below the 2021 budgeted estimated beginning fund balance in the amount of \$33,390,486 by \$1,830,216 or 5%; and

WHEREAS, the Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, does hereby amend the 2021 Riverboat Gaming Trust Fund budget to reduce estimated interest earned by \$418,553 resulting in a budget amount of \$44,447 and estimated beginning fund balance by \$1,830,216 resulting in a budget amount of \$31,560,270.

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. Chris Smith, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 44 Of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021 HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ACT

WHEREAS, the Local Government Budget Act requires budget amendment when actual beginning fund balance within a fund fails to meet estimated beginning fund balance by 5% or more and fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Hotel Motel Taxes Fund actual beginning fund balance for 2021 in the amount of \$4,182,026 is below the 2021 budgeted estimated beginning fund balance in the amount of \$4,889,780 by \$707,754 or 14%; and

WHEREAS, the Hotel Motel Taxes Fund fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, does hereby amend the 2021 Hotel Motel Taxes Fund budget to reduce estimated beginning fund balance by \$707,754 resulting in a budget amount of \$4,182,026.

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 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 45 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 FLOOD PLAIN ANALYST IN THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN ASSIGNMENT OF JOB CLASSES TO GRADE LEVELS.

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 and Engineering Aide IV and increase pay rate by \$5.15/HR to a total of \$29.75/HR; and

WHEREAS; the position of Engineering Aide III will be reclassified as an Engineering Aide II reducing the budgeted salary of this position by \$10,715.95; and

WHEREAS; the Engineering Department has sufficient budgeted funds to support the above described increase in pay and increase will not require any amendment to the existing 2022 City Budget Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, authorizes the administration to create a new position of a Flood Plain Analyst retroactive to March 3, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Engineering Department is hereby authorized to change the classification of the Engineering Aide III position to Engineering Aide II position reducing the salary by \$10,715.95, and to utilize the unused salary budgeted to make up the raise in salary needed to fully fund these positions as described, retroactive to March 3, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, THAT THE Classification Plan Assignment of Job Classes to Grade Levels is amended to include the position of Flood Plain Analyst in Grade 16.

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 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda Item called:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the hiring or promotion of a Personnel Specialist II due to retirement and backfilling any position this may create for the Human Resources Department.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to amend Resolution to cap the salary of the vacant Personnel Specialist II position to \$42,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 30 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OR PROMOTION OF A PERSONNEL SPECIALIST II DUE TO RESIGNATION AND BACKFILLING ANY POSITION THIS MAY CREATE FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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 Human Resources Department has an available position due to a retirement within the department; and

WHEREAS, this retirement provides for an opportunity to hire a replacement; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained the administration is hereby authorized to fill a Personnel Specialist II position in the Human Resources Department with a salary up to \$42,000.00 due to a retirement and also backfill any positions this may create within the Department.

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. Chris Smith, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Agenda Item Called

Approve appointment of Paul Marshall as the joint appointee to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors.

(This is a joint appointment with the parish)

Mr. Marshall introduced himself to the Council and Council thanked him for his service

By: Mr. Hammons

Motion at approve appointment.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

New Business –

Agenda Item Called.

Approve reappointment of Andy Holley as the joint appointee to the Bossier Parish Communications District No. 1 Board of Directors.

(This is a joint appointment with the parish)

By: Mr. Darby

Motion at approve reappointment.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 46 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 133 OF 2018, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND FROM R-LD (RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY) AND B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS), TO R-HD (RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY) BEING 2.29 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 1738 EAST TEXAS STREET, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA FOR A PROPOSED APARTMENT COMPLEX EXPANSION.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in

regular session convened, that Ordinance No. 133 of 2018 of the City Council of

the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, is hereby amended to provide that the zoning

classification is hereby changed from R-LD (Residential Low Density) and B-3 (General

Business) to R-HD (Residential High Density), for the following:

2.29 acres, more or less, located at 1738 East Texas Street, Bossier City, Louisiana and

more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT A FOUND ½” IRON ROD AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13 OF DILLARD PLACE, RUN THENCE SOUTH 85°01’44” WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 13 A DISTANCE OF 175.90 FEET TO A FOUND ½ IRON ROD, THENCE RUN NORTH 04°53’06” WEST A DISTANCE OF 506.77 FEET TO A FOUND ½” IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF EAST TEXAS STREET (US HIGHWAY 80), THENCE RUN NORTH 79°21’19” EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 252.61 FEET TO A FOUND “X” IN CONCRETE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 2, BEAM PLACE, THENCE RUN SOUTH 04°38’52” EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 2 A DISTANCE OF 126.20 FEET TO A FOUND ¾” IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 2 (SAID CORNER ALSO BEING ON THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 8, BEAM PLACE), THENCE RUN SOUTH 84°50’40” WEST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 8, BEAM PLACE A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO A FOUND 1” IRON PIPE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BEAM PLACE (SAID CORNER ALSO BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 8, BEAM PLACE; AND BEING ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 13, DILLARD PLACE), THENCE RUN SOUTH 04°53’53” EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE FO SAID LOT 13, DILLARD PLACE A DISTANCE OF 405.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Motion was made by Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

C-2-22

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 47 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A BAR LOCATED AT 3408 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS; Brett Sempter, Catera Enterprises LLC dba The Hub, has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of high and low content alcohol, for on premise consumption, at a bar located at 3408 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana.

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS; The Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for retail sales of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at 3408 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith

to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

C-10-22

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 48 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A RESTAURANT, WE OLIVE BOSSIER, LOCATED AT 2620 BEENE BOULEVARD, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS; Virginia Calhoun, We Olive Bossier, LLC, has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of high and low content alcohol, for on premise consumption, at a restaurant located at 2620 Beene Boulevard, Bossier City, Louisiana.

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on March 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS; The Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for retail sales of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at 2620 Beene Boulevard, Bossier City, Louisiana is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio

to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

C-13-22

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 31 Of 2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMAS H. CHANDLER TO EXECUTE
THE ATTACHED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOSSIER LEVEE DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS; the Bossier Levee District possesses rights to maintain flood control improvements and involving the area shown on the attached plat; and

WHEREAS; the City has an obligation to facilitate the natural drainage of the City; and

WHEREAS; the Bossier Levee District and the City of Bossier City wish to make drainage improvements to the Tinsley Ditch; and

WHEREAS; the improvements will be constructed in substantial conformance with the approved plans and specification for the improvements in a safe, workmanlike manner and in accordance with all applicable regulations, ordinances, and laws; and

WHEREAS; the citizens of the City of Bossier City would benefit from the improvements to the culvert;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the Bossier City Council resolves to authorize Mayor, Thomas H. Chandler, to execute the attached Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Board of Commissioners of the Bossier Levee District, complete in all its terms and provisions on behalf of the City of Bossier City.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 32 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ONE (1) JAILER I TO JAILER II AND THE HIRING OF ONE (1) POLICE OFFICER AND THE PROMOTION OF ONE (1) POLICE OFFICER TO SERGEANT 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 Promotion of one Jailer I to Jailer II and the hiring of One (1) Police Officer and the promotion of one (1) Police Officer to Sergeant

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. Jeff Free, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TWO (2) FIREFIGHTERS DUE TO VACANCIES FROM RESIGNATION:

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

WHEREAS, two vacancies exist in the Fire Department due to Resignation 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 two (2) 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. Chris Smith, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 34 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF JOHN PORTER FOR DEPUTY MARSHAL POSITION WITH THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE DUE TO A RESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, Deputy Marshal Kim Elmore has resigned from the City of Bossier City Marshal's Office; and

WHEREAS, said position is vital to the operation of the Marshal's Office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City Marshal, Jim Whitman, desires to hire John Porter as a deputy marshal to fill said position for an annual salary of forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000.00); and

WHEREAS, said salary is fully within the existing budget of the 2022 City of Bossier City Marshal Office's budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that City of Bossier City Marshal Jim Whitman, is hereby authorized to hire John Porter for the position of Deputy Marshal for the annual salary of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00).

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. Vince Maggio, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 35 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AN ELECTRICIAN IN THE LIFT STATION DIVISION FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 76 of 2019 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by any hiring of any personnel; and

WHEREAS, the position of electrician is vacant due to promotion; 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. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to approve Parade Permit Fee Waiver for Walker with the Cross, Friday, April 15, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 36 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION GRANTING PROFESSIONAL OF RECORD THE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BID PACKAGES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY AS PART OF THE LTRI JOINT ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City (City) the Parish of Bossier (Parish), and LA Tech University (University) have recently executed a joint cooperative endeavor agreement allowing for the management and maintenance of the LA Tech Research Institute (Facility); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above referenced contract, the University has committed to be responsible for improvements and additions to the Facility in an amount to not exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the University desires to promptly develop and advertise the following packages including but not limited to a technology package for said facility, a furniture package for said facility, and an audio/visual package for said facility; and

WHEREAS, all bid/quote specifications and advertisement would be processed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City would be responsible for the initial costs of said projects subject to reimbursement by the University as more particularly described on Exhibit "A" as attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Professional of Record is hereby given the authority on behalf of the City of Bossier City to develop specifications and advertise for any and all bid packages and/or quotes that the University deems advisable or necessary to develop said Facility for use provided that the costs of all said projects requested by the University shall be reimbursed to the City as described in Exhibit "A" as attached hereto.

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. Chris Smith, and adopted on the 29th, day of March, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Reports –

Ben Rauschenbach, Engineering Department, gave the monthly Project Report updating the Council on status of many of the City Projects. He noted that Coleman Street was completed. Mr. Montgomery asked about the money from the project the state was holding.

Mayor gave updates on various items including the refurbishment of one of the City's very first fire trucks which will be on display in the East Bank Fire Station Museum.

Mr. Williams updated on the recent State Meeting concerning the Jimmy Davis Bridge.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM by Mr. Williams

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk

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