

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 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, April 5, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Brian Hammons

Roll Call as follows:

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

Absent: Honorable Councilor Jeff Free

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. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve minutes from the March 29, 2022, Regular Council meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Hammons

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests-

none

New Business –

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance allocating \$80,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Don Pump Station using the Sewer Capital and Contingency fund to cover all project costs.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Discussion about project start dates versus Ordinance introduction between Mr. Hammons and Mr. Rauschenbach. Mr. Rauschenbach explained need for project.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance allocating \$50,000 for the procurement and installation of additional Water Sample Sites using the Water Capital and Contingency Fund to cover all project costs.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Questions on need of additional sample sites. Mr. Rauschenbach explained it is a State requirement due to growth.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Hammons

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to reconcile the Airline & Murphy St. Emergency Gravity Sewer Main Replacement Project performed by Wicker Construction, Inc. for a final closeout total construction cost of \$803,625.00 which includes a Deductive Change Order of \$30,975.00 leaving a surplus of \$109,627.80 in Ordinance 102 of 2021 to be placed back into the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Discussion among Council and Mr. Rauschenbach about project and the hope that this fixes the issue of sinking along this stretch

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing replacing an Accountant II position with an Office Manager I position in the Finance Department, hiring an Officer Manager I, and restructuring the Accounting Division.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance allocating \$45,000 for repairs to the Army Reserve Pump Station Gravity Main using the Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund to cover all project costs.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Mr. Rauschenbach explained location and need for this project.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to approve Report of Change Order 2 for the City Wide Street Improvements - Phase III, with an increase of \$52,776.53, for a total contract price of \$1,055,530.61.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$225,000 from the 2017 Sales Tax Bond Fund (Innovation Drive Fund) towards a turn lane for Swan Lake Road at Innovation Drive.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ONE (1) FIREFIGHTER DUE TO VACANCY FROM RESIGNATION:

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

WHEREAS, one vacancy exist in the Fire Department due to Resignation and filling this position will allow operations to continue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the administration is authorized to replace one (1) Firefighter 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 second by Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on the 5th day of April, 2022, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 38 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AN INFORMATION SERVICES SYSTEMS SPECIALIST DUE TO A RESIGNATION IN THE INFORMATION SERVICES 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 Information Services Department has an available position due to resignation within the department: and

WHEREAS, this resignation provides for an opportunity to hire a replacement; 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 proceed to hire and Information Systems Specialist, due to a resignation in the Information Services Department, with no impact to the existing budget.

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. Brian Hammons, and adopted on the 5th, day of April, 2022 by the following vote:

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Free

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM by Mr. Williams

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk

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