

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 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, October 4, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Vince Maggio

Roll Call as follows:

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

Absent Honorable David Montgomery, Jr.

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. Smith

Motion to approve Minutes of October 4, 2022, Regular Council meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Hammons

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to approve Agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Free

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Bids –

Agenda Item called – Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid#P22-06 – 2022 Citywide Street Rehabilitation – Phase II

Dales Paving, Inc.	\$ 775,500.00
Earnest Contracting, LLC	\$1,083,250.00
RVP Construction, Inc.	\$ 674,777.00

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve reading of bids

Seconded by Mr. Hammons

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters – Recognition of Guests –

Council President Darby recognized Brittany Pope, Executive Director of Bossier Arts Council who spoke against the Ordinance that would remove \$50,000 funding from Arts Council to manage the East Bank Plaza. Questions from Council Member Hammons about where booking money goes. Ms. Pope reported that all fees collected went back into the plaza.

Public Hearings/Actions on Unfinished Business –

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 109 Of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 WATER AND SEWER FUND BUDGETS

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

WHEREAS, the price of chemicals required to treat City water have increased significantly and it is estimated that additional appropriations of \$603,500 for Water Fund and \$50,000 for Sewer Fund are needed to cover the cost of chemicals for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the price for laboratory testing has increased at the Red River Wastewater Treatment Plant and it is estimated that additional appropriations of \$6,000 are needed to cover the cost of lab testing for the remainder of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Water and Sewer Fund operating budgets need to 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 2022 Water Fund operating budget to increase the appropriation for Chemicals in division 63 Water Treatment Plant by \$603,500 and decrease net position by \$603,500 and amend the 2022 Sewer Fund operating fund budget to increase the appropriations for Chemicals in division 72 Red River Treatment Plant by \$30,000 and division 75 Northeast Treatment Plant by \$20,000 and decrease net position by \$50,000 and a transfer of \$6,000 in tipping fees from division 75 Northeast Treatment Plant to division 72 Red River Treatment Plant for lab testing

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith and adopted on this the 4th day of October 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 110 Of 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO CONDUCT A RATE STUDY FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF \$32,569.00 TO COME FROM WATER CAPITAL & CONTINGENCY FUND.

WHEREAS, Act 98 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session provides an accountability process for community water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires LDH to promulgate a rule to establish and implement a grading system for community water systems and to publish the first letter grades by January 1, 2023 on the LDH website; and

WHEREAS, this grading system requires community water systems to have a rate study conducted every 5 years; and

WHEREAS, points shall be deducted for failure to have and submit a rate study or failure to have implemented an adequate rate as indicated in the rate study; and

WHEREAS, a rate study performed on or after April 20, 2017 shall be submitted to LDH-OPH by January 31st of each year starting in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the last water rate study was performed for the Public Utilities Department in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the last sewer rate study was performed for the Public Utilities Department in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Department hereby request \$32,569.00 to be appropriated from the Water Capital & Contingency Fund for the rate study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, authorizes the Mayor to appropriate \$32,569.00 to come from the Water Capital and Contingency fund to be used for the purpose of a rate study for the Public Utilities Department; 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 2022 Water Capital and Contingency Budget is hereby amended to increase expenditures for the rate study by \$32,569.00 and decrease Fund Balance by \$32,569.00.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith, and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio and adopted on this the 4th day of October 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 111 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 FROM THE 2017 SALES TAX BOND FUND (INNOVATION DRIVE FUND) TOWARDS A TURN LANE FOR SWAN LAKE ROAD AT INNOVATION DRIVE.

WHEREAS; Ordinance 55 of 2022 appropriated \$225,000 from the 2017 Sales Tax Bond Fund for a turn lane for Swan Lake Road at Innovation Drive; and

WHEREAS; the original Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost was \$180,000; and

WHEREAS; the City of Bossier City requested proposals from at least three (3) contractors to perform the work; and

WHEREAS; all proposals came in above \$250,000; and

WHEREAS; Louisiana RS 38:2212 requires all public work exceeding the contract limit of \$250,000 to be done by a public entity to be advertised and let by contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; and

WHEREAS; additional funding is required prior to receiving bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in regular session convened that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, agrees to appropriate an additional \$100,000 from the 2017 Sales Tax Bond Fund (Innovation Drive Fund) to construct a turn lane on Swan Lake Road for Innovation Drive.

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 2017 Sales Tax Bond Fund Budget is hereby amended to increase expenditures for the Swan Lake Road Turn Lane Project by \$100,000 and decrease Fund Balance by \$100,000.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free, and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio and adopted on this the 4th day of October 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 112 of 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING HONORABLE MAYOR THOMAS H. CHANDLER, TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY LOUISIANA GAS.

WHEREAS, the current Franchise Agreement between Centerpoint Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Louisiana Gas and the City of Bossier City is set to expire in October of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City in order to ensure the timely and adequate supply of natural gas unto its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that City of Bossier City be able to monitor, inspect and regulate the construction necessary to provide natural gas to its citizens with in the corporate limits of the City of Bossier City; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the Honorable Mayor Thomas H. Chandler is hereby authorized to execute the attached Exhibit "A" agreement with Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A Centerpoint Energy Louisiana Gas.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Jeffery D. Darby and adopted on this the 4th day of October 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 113 Of 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMAS H. CHANDLER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HOMELAND SAFETY SYSTEMS, LLC.

WHEREAS, due to the increasing number of workplace violence incidents across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City is the workplace location of multiple city administrative services, personnel, and City employees; and

WHEREAS, in order to better protect the health, safety and welfare of said personnel and employees and to better ensure the continuation of vital City services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened shall enter into the attached contract (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") with Homeland Safety Systems, LLC in order to prevent access of perpetrators of violence to said municipal complex and authorize the Honorable Mayor Thomas H. Chandler to execute the same.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams and adopted on this the 4th day of October 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 114 OF 2022

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE REPORT OF CHANGE ORDER 6 FOR THE (LTRI) LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE BOSSIER WITH AN INCREASE IN PROJECT COST OF \$404,916.43 FROM THE 2016 SALES TAX BOND ISSUE.

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. 6 in the amount of \$404,916.43; 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 for an increase in price of \$404,916.43 and an increase of thirty-five (35) calendar days for this project as described and re-appropriate allocation of funding from the furniture, fixtures, and equipment funds.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free and adopted on this the 4th day of October 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

New Business –

Agenda Item called – Introduce an Ordinance to adopt the General Fund Budget for 2023.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to continue introduction of budget items 1-24 until October 18, 2022, City Council Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Council Member Williams requested this because Budget is still undergoing changes

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Hammons

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing \$25,000 to come from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to support BeBossier through the Bossier Chamber of Commerce.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing Mayor Thomas H. Chandler to execute the attached Professional Services Agreement and Purchase Agreement with Avaya Aura and Carousel Industries of North America, Inc.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

Discussion between Council Member Williams and City Attorney Jacobs on issue. I.T. Manager Bill Bell updated council on need for Ordinance. Funds have already been appropriated.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to require the Mayor and City Administration to mark all city vehicles under Louisiana R.S. 49:121, Identification of Public Property – by January 1, 2023, except those that are exempt by State Law, and any vehicles found to be in noncompliance with this Ordinance and State Law after January 1, 2023, be parked until those vehicles become compliant and further that anyone in violation of this Ordinance following that date be fined in accordance with R.S. 49:123.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Council Member Williams asked Fleet Manager, Rodney Oar, if they had enough logos, Fleet Manager will order some. Council has had requests from some departments to be exempt from Ordinance and will look into it.

No further comment

Motion carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Mr. Smith, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams and Mr. Maggio

Nays: Mr. Free

Absent: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Abstain: none

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to declare the completion of the Bruce Street Force Main Project by Lawler Construction, Inc. including Deductive Change Order No. 1 in the amount of (\$3,360.00); and to amend Ordinance 14 of 2022 leaving a surplus of funding to supplement fund Sewer Capital and Contingency Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$10,000 from Fund 495 - 2015 LCDA Bond Fund to purchase time clocks.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

Mr. Hammons asked Finance Director, Angela Williamson about clocks. This will be for 4 clocks.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$3,000,000 from the 2018 LCDA Bond Fund towards Parking Lot Improvements/Expansion at Tinsley Ball Park.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

Discussion from Council Members Hammons, Smith and Williams on issue. Parks Director, Clay Bohanan and Supervisor, Louis Cook spoke on Council concerns and reasons ballfields aren't open to public. Residents Cade Yarrington and Michael Barrett spoke in opposition of Ordinance until fields can be accessible to all citizens of Bossier. Council and Parks will look at options for field usage.

No further comment

Motion carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Maggio

Nays: Mr. Smith and Mr. Hammons

Absent: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Abstain: none

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate funds for improvements to the Lateral B-1 Drainage Canal for a total of \$1,000,000.00 to come from Riverboat Gaming Capital Fund and to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with Nixon Engineering Solutions and CEA with the Bossier Parish Levee Board.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$350,000 from the 2017 LCDA Bond to purchase and install a new generator at the Brookshire Grocery Arena, and cover all project costs.

Seconded by Mr. Smith

Questions from Mr. Hammons if any of the new parking fees will be able to be put back to cover so of these expenses at

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to repeal and replace Ordinance 96 of 2022 and to approve Revised Change Order 3 for the Eastbank Fire Station Project with an increase of \$226,377.21 for a total contract price of \$3,103,009.77 (No additional funding required)

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

Questions from Council Members on what is left on station and when it will be occupied. Clinton Patrick, City Engineer and Fire Chief Brad Zagone spoke on issue. Should be open in December.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to declare the completion of the Airline Water Tank Rehabilitation and Painting Project by Utility Service Company, Inc. including deductive Change Order No. 1 in the amount of (\$14,188.19); and to amend Ordinance 20 of 2021 leaving a surplus of funding to supplement the Water Capital and Contingency Fund.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Council Member Hammons asked about lights. Ben Rauschenbach, City Engineer will check into lights for tower.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called – Introduce an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance 71 of 2018.

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to continue item until the October 18, 2022, Meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Jeremy Hefner, Bossier Council on Aging employee spoke briefly on the issue. Council President Darby reported that this was just to continue issue and offered Ms. Hefner opportunity to speak on the actual Ordinance at the next meeting.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Agenda Item called – Adopt a Resolution authorizing the promotion of one (1) Officer to Sergeant, one (1) Sergeant to Lieutenant, and one (1) Lieutenant to Captain and the hiring of one (1) Police Officer due to resignation.

Council President Darby called new Police Chief, Daniel Haugen to podium to discuss Resolution and congratulate him on his promotion.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 93 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ONE (1) OFFICER TO SERGEANT, ONE (1) SERGEANT TO LIEUTENANT, ONE (1) LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN, AND THE HIRING OF ONE (1) POLICE OFFICER.

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 (1) Officer to Sergeant, one (1) Sergeant to Lieutenant, and one (1) Lieutenant to Captain; and hiring one (1) Police Officer, 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 and promotion procedures for the fulfillment of these positions.

The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Brian Hammons and seconded by Mr. Chris Smith, and adopted on this the 4th day of October, 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 94 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO FILL A LABORER I POSITION AND PROMOTE OR FILL A TRUCK DRIVER I POSITION IN STREET SWEEPING AND GRASS CUTTING AND TO BACKFILL ANY VACANCY THIS CREATES

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2 of 2010 implemented a hiring freeze requiring Bossier City Council approval for the hiring of any personnel and Ordinance No. 21 of 2018 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by the hiring of any personnel and other action prohibiting the hiring of any employee receiving pay without council approval; and

WHEREAS, A Laborer I position and a Truck Driver I positions are available due to voluntary resignations; 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 ordained the administration is hereby authorizing Public Works to promote a Laborer I and to promote or hire a Truck Driver I in the Street Sweeping and Grass Cutting Division.

The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Hammons, and adopted on this the 4th day of October, 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 95 Of 2022

AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REPLACING AN OFFICE MANAGER I POSITION WITH AN ACCOUNTANT I POSITION IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT, HIRING AN ACCOUNTANT I, AND ADJUSTING THE SALARY FOR THE EXISTING ACCOUNTANT I POSITION.

WHEREAS, an Office Manager I position is vacant and the Finance Department will be better served by an Accountant I position; and

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 proposed Accountant I position will be at a salary of \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the existing Accountant I position is vacant and excess budgeted funds are available to adjust the salary to \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, these two positions will be cross trained and will share responsibilities as considered necessary; and

WHEREAS, these actions will have no impact on the existing budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, hereby authorizes the administration to eliminate the Office Manager I position in the Finance Department and replace it with an Accountant I position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration is authorized to hire an Accountant I in the Finance Department at a salary of \$40,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration is authorized to adjust the salary for the existing vacant Accountant I position to \$40,000.

The above and foregoing Resolution was discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on this the 4th day of October, 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 96 Of 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ONE TRAFFIC CONTROL LEAD TECHNICIAN TO REPLACE THE POSITION DUE TO RESIGNATION, FOR THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION.

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 Traffic Control Lead Technician 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 discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Brian Hammons, and adopted on this the 4th day of October, 2022.

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

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 97 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OR PROMOTION OF A LAB TECHNICIAN I FOR THE NORTHEAST WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND BACKFILLING ANY POSITION THIS CREATES.

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 Lab Technician I is vacant due to retirement; and backfilling any positions this may create;

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 discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on this the 4th day of October, 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION 98 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A UTILITY WORKER FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DIVISION IN PUBLIC UTILITIES. BACKFILLING ANY POSITION THIS MAY CREATE.

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 is vacant due to transfer; 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 discussed and opened for public input at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Chris Smith and seconded by Mr. Vince Maggio, and adopted on this the 4th day of October, 2022.

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

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

ABSTAIN: none

Jeffery D. Darby, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Smith

Motion to reappoint Michael Vercher as a representative for the MPC Board of Adjustments to appointment effective November 1, 2022 and expires October 31, 2027.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Hammons

Motion to approve Parade Permit Fee Waiver for Marching for Jesus, October 4, 2022.

Seconded by Mr. Maggio

City Clerk, McGraw explained why permit was on Agenda again

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Mr. Darby thanked the Deputy Marshals for their diligence at each and every meeting.

Mr. Smith reminded everyone about National Night Out.

There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM by Mr. Darby

Respectfully submitted:

Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk

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