

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WEST MONROE CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2015

There was a regular meeting of the West Monroe City Council held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the West Monroe City Hall.

Those present were Mayor Dave Norris, Aldermen James Bennett, James Brian and Thomas Hamilton and Alderwomen Alice Pearson and Staci Albritton-Mitchell.

The invocation was offered by Jerry Edmondson.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve payment of the February 2015 billings, subject to audit by the Finance Committee.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to annex property located at 2048 Old Natchitoches Road owned by Random Property Investments, LLC into the municipal limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4253:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA PURSUANT TO R. S. 33:171 ET SEQ., BY ANNEXING TERRITORY CONSISTING OF A TRACT LOCATED AT 2048 OLD NATCHITOCHE ROAD, WEST MONROE, 1.791 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY RANDOM PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC, SAID TERRITORY BEING CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY; TO RETAIN ANY LAWS OR ORDINANCES NOT REPUGNANT HERETO AND NOT SPECIFICALLY REPEALED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY SUB-SECTION, ARTICLE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PHRASE, OR PART, OR APPLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR ANY REASON SHOULD BE FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID, NO OTHER PARTS AND/OR APPLICATIONS THEREOF SHALL BE AFFECTED.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to re-zone property located at 2048 Old Natchitoches Road (1.791 acres), from an O-L (Open Land) District to a B-3 (General Business) District. Random Property Investments, LLC, applicant. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4254:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, PARTICULARLY THE ZONING MAP ANNEXED TO AND MADE A PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 1501, AS THAT ZONING MAP, AS CODIFIED BY SECTION 12-5011(C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, HAS BEEN FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED, AND PARTICULARLY TO AMEND THAT ZONING MAP AS IT PERTAINS TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2048 OLD NATCHITOCHE ROAD, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", PURSUANT TO THE APPLICATION OF RANDOM PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC, SO AS TO RE-ZONE THE PROPERTY LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" FROM O-L (OPEN LAND) DISTRICT TO A B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, OR OTHER PERSON ACTING IN LIEU THEREOF AT THE DESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR TO DO AND PERFORM ANY AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FOREGOING AND PARTICULARLY TO NOTE THE AMENDMENTS ON THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE AS HEREIN ENACTED; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to annex property located at 2004 Old Natchitoches Road & 2010 Old Natchitoches Road owned by James E. Smith and Elizabeth Ann Smith into the municipal limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4255:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA PURSUANT TO R. S. 33:171 ET SEQ., BY ANNEXING TERRITORY CONSISTING OF A TRACT LOCATED AT 2004 & 2010 OLD NATCHITOCHE'S ROAD, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, AND WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JAMES E. SMITH AND ELIZABETH ANN SMITH, SAID TERRITORY BEING CONTIGUOUS TO THE EXISTING BOUNDARIES OF THE MUNICIPALITY; TO RETAIN ANY LAWS OR ORDINANCES NOT REPUGNANT HERETO AND NOT SPECIFICALLY REPEALED HEREIN; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY SUB-SECTION, ARTICLE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PHRASE, OR PART, OR APPLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE FOR ANY REASON SHOULD BE FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INVALID, NO OTHER PARTS AND/OR APPLICATIONS THEREOF SHALL BE AFFECTED.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to re-zone property located at 2004 Old Natchitoches Road & 2010 Old Natchitoches Road, from an O-L (Open Land) District to a B-3 (General Business). James E. Smith and Elizabeth Ann Smith, applicants. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4256:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, PARTICULARLY THE ZONING MAP ANNEXED TO AND MADE A PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 1501, AS THAT ZONING MAP, AS CODIFIED BY SECTION 12-5011(C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, HAS BEEN FROM TIME TO TIME AMENDED, AND PARTICULARLY TO AMEND THAT ZONING MAP AS IT PERTAINS TO CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED 2004 & 2010 OLD NATCHITOCHE'S ROAD WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", PURSUANT TO THE APPLICATION OF JAMES E. SMITH AND ELIZABETH ANN SMITH, SO AS TO RE-ZONE THE PROPERTY LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" FROM O-L (OPEN LAND) DISTRICT TO A B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY ENGINEER OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, OR OTHER PERSON ACTING IN LIEU THEREOF AT THE DESIGNATION OF THE MAYOR TO DO AND PERFORM ANY AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FOREGOING AND PARTICULARLY TO NOTE THE AMENDMENTS ON THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE AS HEREIN ENACTED; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of West Monroe regarding the Hasley Cemetery Street Project. Ordinance 4257:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE HASLEY CEMETERY TRUST OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF COSTS WHICH RELATE TO THE EVALUATION, CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR CERTAIN STREET AND OTHER ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS FOR HASLEY CEMETERY; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize execution of Professional Services Agreements with Enabling Technologies Corp relating to Office 365 Planning and Design Services (\$6,300.00). Ordinance 4258:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES CORP, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATING TO OFFICE 365 PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize execution of Professional Services Agreements with Venture Technologies relating to a Security and Network Assessment (\$58,750.00). Ordinance 4259:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH VENTURE TECHNOLOGIES, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES RELATING TO A SECURITY AND NETWORK ASSESSMENT; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize execution of a Professional Services Agreement with EnviroSystems, LLC, to provide an evaluation study of certain portions of the West Monroe Sewer System. Ordinance 4260:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH COMPLIANCE ENVIROSYSTEMS, LLC, TO PROVIDE AN EVALUATION STUDY OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE WEST MONROE SEWER SYSTEM; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to consider and take action with respect to adopting an ordinance advertising for bids for the purchase of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2015, of the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, and providing for other matters in connection therewith: Ordinance 4261:

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SALES TAX BONDS, SERIES 2015, OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize the filing of an application for a grant from the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development FY 2014-2015 Community Water Enrichment Fund (Bancroft Blvd CWF Project). Ordinance 4262:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND, FY 2014-2015, FOR CERTAIN WATER LINE REPLACEMENT; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize the filing of an application for a grant from La DOTD Enhancement Fund (Safe Routes to Schools-Highland School area). Ordinance 4263:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY2014-2015, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, FOR A PROPOSED SIDEWALK PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL AREA SIDEWALK PROJECT, INCLUDING CERTIFICATION OF REQUIRED CONDITIONS AND, IF AWARDED, THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THAT GRANT AWARD, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury (access across drainage canal). Ordinance 4264:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING AN ACCESS BRIDGE AT THE SOUTHERN IMPROVED PORTION OF DRAGO STREET; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.


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There being no further business, there was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to adjourn.

ATTEST:


BENNY CHELETTE
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


DAVE NORRIS
MAYOR