

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WEST MONROE CITY COUNCIL

May 10, 2016

There was a regular meeting of the West Monroe City Council held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 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 Alderwoman Staci Mitchell.

The invocation was offered by James Brian.

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to approve payment of the April 2016 billings, subject to audit by the Finance Committee.

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to table until June 2016 Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 108 Slack Street, West Monroe, Louisiana (Michael J. Fuller c/o Jill Goudeau, appointed Attorney; Chris L. Magouirk, Heartland Investors/BMO Harris, tax certificate purchasers).

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to approve an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 134 Hemlock Circle, West Monroe, Louisiana (Johnny Paul Owens and Althea Ham Owens, owners).

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to introduce an ordinance to adopt the Utility Fund Budget for the City of West Monroe for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Ordinance 4367:

Introduce AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET FOR THE UTILITY FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA.

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to introduce an ordinance to adopt the General Fund and Special Funds Budgets for the City of West Monroe for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Ordinance 4368:

Introduce AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGETS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to declare certain movable property surplus, and to be transferred to Charles Aubrey Rawls (canine "Dargo"). Ordinance 4365:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO SELL CERTAIN DESCRIBED MOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR ANY FURTHER PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO CHARLES AUBREY RAWLS FOR THE OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL FUTURE COSTS AND EXPENSES RELATING TO THAT MOVEABLE PROPERTY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve a resolution to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of West Monroe, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, April 9, 2016, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein. Resolution 688:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016, TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A SALES AND USE TAX THEREIN.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to amend Sec. 12-5013(a)(1), Sec. 12-5014(a)(1) and Sec. 12-5015(a)(1) of the Code of Ordinances, to remove "cluster homes" as a use by right in a R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) and B-1 (Transitional Business) Districts, and to remove "townhouses" as a use by right in a R-1H (Higher Density Residential) District. Ordinance 4369:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-5013(a)(1), SECTION 12-5014(a)(1) AND SECTION 12-5019(a)(1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO REMOVE "CLUSTER HOME" AS A USE BY RIGHT IN A R-2 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND B-1 (TRANSITIONAL BUSINESS) DISTRICTS, AND TO REMOVE "TOWNHOUSE" AS A USE BY RIGHT IN A R-1H (HIGHER DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to re-zone property located at 203 Church Street, from a B-3 (General Business) District to a R-1 (Single Family Residential) District. Lula Britton, applicant. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4370:

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 203 CHURCH STREET, WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A", PURSUANT TO THE APPLICATION OF LULA BRITTON, SO AS TO RE-ZONE THE PROPERTY LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" FROM A B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT TO A R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) 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. Brian, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to annex property located at Mane Street, owned by KMK Properties, LLC/Galton Utilities Corporation into the municipal limits of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4371:

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 ON MANE STREET, WEST MONROE, 4.564 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY GALION UTILITIES CORPORATION, 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 SUBSECTION, 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 Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to re-zone property located at Mane Street, from an O-L (Open Land) District to a B-3 (General Business) District. KMK Properties, LLC/Gallon Utilities Corporation, applicants. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4372:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA PURSUANT TO R.S. 33:171 ET SEQ, BY ANNEXING TERRITORY CONSISTING OF A TRACT LOCATED ON MANE STREET, WEST MONROE, 4.564 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND WHICH PROPERTY IS OWNED BY GALLON UTILITIES CORPORATION, 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. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize the donation of certain movable property to the Union Parish Sheriff's Office (surplus WMPD protective vests). Ordinance 4373:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO DONATE CERTAIN DESCRIBED MOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO THE UNION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to authorize the filing of an application for a grant from the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development FY 2015-2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund (Parkwood Area Water Main Replacement). Ordinance 4374:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND, FY 2015-2016, FOR CERTAIN WATER LINE REPLACEMENT; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve a resolution expressing support of the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed rule-making to establish a minimum of two crew members for certain railroad operations. Resolution 689:

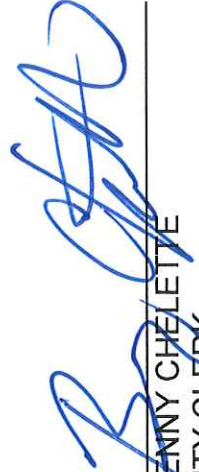
A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED RULE-MAKING (DOCKET NO. FRA-2014-0033) DATED MARCH 15, 2016, AS IT RELATES TO PROVISIONS THAT ESTABLISH A MINIMUM OF TWO CREW MEMBERS FOR CERTAIN RAILROAD OPERATIONS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

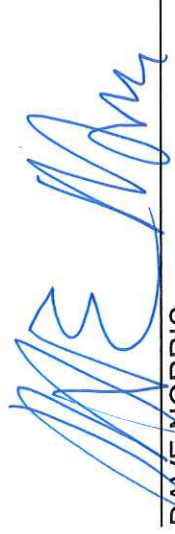
There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion – Sanitary Sewer Contract #3.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


BENNY CHELETTE
CITY CLERK


DAVE MORRIS
MAYOR