

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WEST MONROE CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2013

There was a regular meeting of the West Monroe City Council held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the West Monroe City Hall.

Those present were Mayor Dave Norris, Aldermen James Brian, James Bennett and Fred Ragland, Alderwomen Staci Mitchell and Alice Pearson.

The invocation was offered by Rev. Jerry Edmondson.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve payment of the August 2013 billings, subject to audit by the Finance Committee.

There was a motion by Mr. Ragland, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to table until the October 2013 Regular Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 207 Pine Circle – Kevin Eugene Howland & Sydni Nikol Howland, owners; Flagstar Bank, FSB, mortgagee; OPSO, keeper pursuant to foreclosure (tabled from August).

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 305 Drew Street – Matthew I. Sims & Beverly Jackson Sims, owners (tabled from August).

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, and seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to table until the October 2013 Regular Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 619 ½ Riggs Street – William T. Head, Delia Head, Frances Head, Deborah Johnson, Katherine Scruggs and Yvonne Head, owners – Jill Goudeau, appointed attorney (tabled from August).

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to declare certain movable property surplus, and to be transferred to Matt Downhour (canine “Bear”) (introduced in August). Ordinance 4150:

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN MOVABLE PROPERTY SURPLUS, AND TO BE TRANSFERRED TO MATT DOWNHOUR (CANINE “BEAR”).

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to declare certain movable property surplus, and to be transferred to Craig Ellis (canine “Kattie”) (introduced in August). Ordinance 4151:

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN MOVABLE PROPERTY SURPLUS, AND TO BE TRANSFERRED TO CRAIG ELLIS (CANINE “KATTIE”).

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve a resolution of concurrent support & recommendation for Amtrak Passenger Rail Service in North Louisiana. Resolution 646:

A RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENT SUPPORT & RECOMMENDATION FOR AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IN NORTH LOUISIANA.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to **introduce** an ordinance enacting Chapter 5 “Smoke Free Air” to part 8 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, consisting of Section 8-5001, prohibitions on smoking. Ordinance 4152:

Introduce ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 5 “SMOKE FREE AIR” TO PART 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, CONSISTING OF SECTION 8-5001, PROHIBITIONS ON SMOKING.

Announcement: THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 AT 6:00PM AT WEST MONROE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. FOR THOSE WHO INTERESTED, A COPY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Announcement read aloud by the Mayor: On Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 7:00pm, here, in the West Monroe City Council Chambers, during our regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, there will be a public meeting adopting the millage rates and levying the ad valorem taxes authorized for the tax year 2013 for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to **introduce** an ordinance to declare certain immovable property surplus, and to be sold to Shastri West Monroe, Inc. (Lot 4B, West Monroe Commercial Park Subdivision). Ordinance 4153:

Introduce ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SURPLUS, AND TO BE SOLD TO SHASTRI WEST MONROE, INC. (LOT 4B, WEST MONROE COMMERCIAL PARK SUBDIVISION)

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to **introduce** an ordinance to declare certain immovable property surplus, and to be sold to Commander Smokescreen, LLC (204 Commerce Street). Ordinance 4154:

Introduce ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CERTAIN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SURPLUS, AND TO BE SOLD TO COMMANDER SMOKESCREEN, LLC (204 COMMERCE STREET)

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve a resolution appointing/reappointing Dr. Jerry Edmondson to the City of West Monroe Heritage Preservation Commission. Resolution 647:

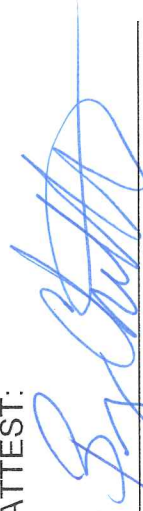
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. JERRY H. EDMONDSON TO THE CITY OF WEST MONROE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND FURTHER PROVIDING RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Ragland and unanimously carried to approve and ordinance to authorize contract with R.D. Owens Construction, Inc. for construction of a driveway relating to Emergency Shelter Project at the West Ouachita Senior Center FP&C Project No. 50-MV2-10-01 (\$65,580) **BUT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL.** Ordinance 4155:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH R. D. OWENS CONSTRUCTION, INC. RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL SENIOR CENTER DRIVEWAY, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO. **BUT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL.**

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

ATTEST:



BENNY CHELETTE
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



DAVE NORRIS
MAYOR