

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
WEST MONROE CITY COUNCIL

December 13, 2016

There was a special meeting of the West Monroe City Council held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at 6:00 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 Staci Mitchell and Alice Pearson.

The invocation was offered by James Brian.

The meeting was called to order. Benny Chelette, City Clerk, verified receipt of proper Notices of Service on the Mayor and a majority of the Board, and the presence of a quorum.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 Special Council Meeting.

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

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to table until January 2017 Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 305 Austin Street (Normcrief, Inc.) --Tabled from November.

An order to condemn and demolish structures located at 2203 Trenton Street (B.K. Builders, Inc., the unopened succession of Ruth Elizabeth Thurman) was removed from the Agenda by the Council.

An order to condemn and demolish structures located at 1100 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street (Lavelle Johnson, et al) was removed from the Agenda by the Council.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to approve an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 206 South 3rd Street (Ursula Trotter Bailey).

An order to condemn and demolish structures located at 107 Riverbend (Frank H. Liepelt) was removed from the Agenda by the Council.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 408 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Adjudicated) (Michael James McDonough, Appointed Attorney: Jill Goudeau; Tom Grigson; Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Adjudicatee).

Ordinance to amend Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury concerning the Travis Street Bridge Project (Tabled from November)—Council elected to take no action.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize a joint funding agreement for water sources investigations with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior (City Share--\$19,000.00). Ordinance 4421:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO ENTER INTO A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR WATER RESOURCES INVESTIGATIONS WITH THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to annex property located at 131 Thornton 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 4422:

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 131 THORNTON ROAD, 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. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to re-zone property located at 131 Thornton Road, from an O-L (Open Land) District to a B-3 (General Business) District. Random Property Investments, LLC, applicants. Received a favorable review from the Planning Commission. Ordinance 4423:

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 131 THORNTON ROAD, 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 AN 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 amend the Utility Enterprise Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Ordinance 4424:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UTILITY ENTERPRISE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget, General Insurance Fund Budget, 2003 & 2009 Debt Sinking Fund Budget, 2015 Debt Finance Capital Fund Budget, 2007 & 2009 Debt Finance Capital Fund Budget, the 1986 Sales Tax Capital Fund Budget, Employee Health Insurance Fund Budget, the Americorps Grant Fund and the West Ouachita Senior Center Fund Budget, all for the year ending June 30, 2016. Ordinance 4425:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, GENERAL INSURANCE FUND BUDGET, 2003 & 2009 DEBT SINKING FUND BUDGET, 2015 DEBT FINANCE CAPITAL FUND BUDGET, 2007 & 2009 DEBT FINANCE CAPITAL FUND BUDGET, THE 1986 SALES TAX CAPITAL FUND BUDGET, EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND BUDGET, THE AMERICORPS GRANT FUND, AND THE WEST OUACHITA SENIOR CENTER FUND BUDGET, ALL FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to accept audit reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize execution of an Engagement Letter with Cameron, Hines & Company, CPAs, to conduct the audit for the fiscal year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Ordinance 4426:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENGAGE CAMERON, HINES & COMPANY (A PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CORPORATION) TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize execution of an Engagement Letter with Cameron, Hines & Company, CPAs, to conduct agreed-upon procedures for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana Housing Authority for the fiscal year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Ordinance 4427:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENGAGE CAMERON, HINES & COMPANY (A PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CORPORATION) TO APPLY AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to introduce an ordinance to declare certain movable property (firearms) as surplus, and to be sold to The Tyner-Petrus Co., Inc. dba "TP Outdoors". Ordinance 4428:

**Introduce** AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO SELL CERTAIN DESCRIBED MOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO THE TYNER-PETRUS CO., INC. DBA "TP OUTDOORS", AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and unanimously carried to approve a resolution authorizing issuance of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to operate a taxicab service by Lareco D. Walker, Walker Taxi Service subject to a background check and other requirements. Resolution 695:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE A TAXICAB SERVICE BY LARECO D. WALKER, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize the filing of application(s) with the LA DOTD for grants under the Federal Transit Act or other applicable programs. (West Ouachita Senior Center/Public Transit-grant for transit services-operating and/or capital) (5310). Ordinance 4429:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION OR APPLICATIONS WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A GRANT UNDER 49 CFR 5310, TO AID IN THE FINANCING OF OPERATING OR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize the filing of application(s) with the LA DOTD for grants under the Federal Transit Act and/or other applicable programs. (West Ouachita Senior Center/Public Transit-grant for transit services-operating and/or capital) (5311). Ordinance 4430:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION OR APPLICATIONS WITH THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A GRANT UNDER 49 CFR 5311, NON-URBANIZED AREA FORMULA PROGRAM AND/OR 49 CFR 5309, DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL PROGRAM, AND/OR 49 USC SECTION 5317, NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM, TO AID IN THE FINANCING OF OPERATING OR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to authorize Change Order No. 3 – Street Improvement Program - Group 1 (+\$480,259.00; +86 days) (Amethyst Construction, Inc.)

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to authorize Change Order No. 1 (Final) – Ike Hamilton Expo Center West Access Road Rehabilitation (-\$4,184.04; +6 days) (WL Bass Construction, Inc.)

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to authorize Change Order No. 1 – Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract 4 (-\$86,309.36) (Jabar Corporation)

There was no action taken by the City Council to authorize Change Order No. 1 – Water Production Well No. 10 (-\$2,700.00) (Watson Well Drilling).

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hamilton and unanimously carried to authorize advertisement for bids for Wastewater Treatment Facility Solar Installation Project, Phase 2 – Solar System


There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to accept bids for GAC Exchange Project [Virgin bituminous granular activated charcoal—for the pressurized GACs at the Sparta Reuse Facility]. Bid awarded to San-Tech, Inc. for base bid of \$938,450.00

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

ATTEST:

  
BENNY CHELETTE  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
DAVE NORRIS  
MAYOR