

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WEST MONROE CITY COUNCIL

December 10, 2013

There was a regular meeting of the West Monroe City Council held on Tuesday, December 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 Albritton-Mitchell and Alice Pearson.

The invocation was offered by James Brian.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.

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

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to declare certain immovable property surplus, and to be sold to Raymond Construction Enterprises, LLC (Lots 16 and 16A of West Monroe Commercial Park Subdivision). Ordinance 4164:

Introduced in November. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO SELL CERTAIN DESCRIBED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO RAYMOND CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES, L.L.C., OR ITS ASSIGNS, FOR THE CASH SUM OF \$295,000.00, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to amend the Utility Fund Budget for the year ending June 30, 2013. Ordinance 4167:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UTILITY GENERAL FUND BUDGET, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA.

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget, the 1986 Sales Tax Capital Fund Budget, Employee Health Insurance Fund Budget, the 2003 & 2009 Debt Sinking Fund Budget, the Section 8 Housing Fund Budget, the West Ouachita Senior Center Fund Budget, the 2007 & 2009 Debt Financed Capital Fund Budget and the 2011 Debt Financed Capital Fund Budget, all year ending June 30, 2013. Ordinance 4168:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, THE 1986 SALES TAX CAPITAL FUND BUDGET, EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND BUDGET, THE 2003 & 2009 DEBT SINKING FUND BUDGET, THE SECTION 8 HOUSING FUND BUDGET, THE WEST OUACHITA SENIOR CENTER FUND BUDGET, THE 2007 & 2009 DEBT FINANCED CAPITAL FUND BUDGET, AND THE 2011 DEBT FINANCED CAPITAL FUND BUDGET, ALL FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, 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, 2013.

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 audit for the fiscal year of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Ordinance 4169:

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, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to enact Sec. 11-4041, to prohibit hunting and certain trapping within the city limits, and to enact Sec. 11-4042, to prohibit certain use of any bow, crossbow and similar dangerous instrumentalities. Ordinance 4170:

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SEC. 11-4041, TO PROHIBIT HUNTING AND CERTAIN TRAPPING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, AND TO ENACT SEC. 11-4042, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN USE OF ANY BOW, CROSSBOW AND SIMILAR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTALITIES; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Albritton-Mitchell and unanimously carried to amend Section 12-5014(a)(1) to provide for "Floor covering sales" as a use by right in a B-1 District. Ordinance 4171:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-5014(a)(1) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ADD "FLOOR COVERING SALES" AS A USE BY RIGHT IN A B-1 DISTRICT; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried for Public Hearing and resolution authorizing the issuance of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to operate a taxicab service by Omar Abas (new taxi service). Resolution 651:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE A TAXICAB SERVICE TO OMAR ABAS, AND FURTHER PROVIDING RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mr. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve a resolution to authorize Cooperative Purchase Agreement (water meters, with the City of Alexandria). Resolution 652:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN WATER METERS; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

There was a motion by Mrs. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Brian and unanimously carried to approve an ordinance to authorize application/execution of Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant (Blanchard Street Rehabilitation Project). Ordinance 4172:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF REQUIRED CONDITIONS AND, IF AWARDED, THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT FROM THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) FOR A 2013 - 2014 FISCAL YEAR GRANT RELATING TO THE BLANCHARD STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

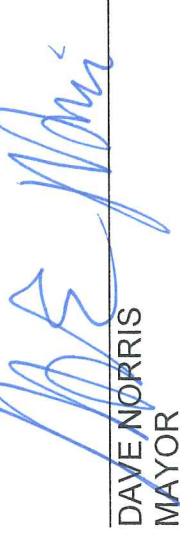
There was a motion by Mrs. Albritton-Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Pearson and unanimously carried to authorize Change Order #2 for Sign Project at 7th Square (+\$1,537.14, Regan Builders, Inc. bid #1928).

There being no further business, there was a motion by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Albritton-Mitchell and unanimously carried to adjourn.

ATTEST:


BENNY CHELETTE
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


DAVE NORRIS
MAYOR