

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF CITY OF WEST MONROE
HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2020**

There was a public hearing of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:20 p.m. in the Council Chambers of West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Those present were Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell, and Aldermen James Brian, Morgan Lowe Buxton, Thom Hamilton, Trevor Land and Ben Westerburg.

A public hearing was held to consider levying additional millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Brian, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

ATTEST:



RONALD SCOTT OLVEY
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE**

HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2020

There was a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Those present were Mayor Staci Albritton Mitchell and Aldermen James Brian, Morgan Lowe Buxton, Thom Hamilton, Trevor Land and Ben Westerburg.

The invocation was offered by McGuire United Methodist Church Pastor Austin Rinehart. The pledge was led by Americorp member Alyssa McReynolds.

Notices/Minutes:

There was a motion by Mrs. Buxton, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. The Motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

West Monroe Police Chief Jeff Terrell presented awards to:

Officer of the Year: Detective Daniel Freeland
Supervisor of the Year: Captain Jason Kukal
Employee of the Year: Records Clerk/Evidence Clerk Dolly Beck

Det. Daniel Freeland, Cpl. Chris Place and Officer Dennis Wall were recognized for specific acts of exemplary service in the field.

Administration/Finance:

There was a motion by Mrs. Buxton, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, to approve an ordinance to roll forward the general alimony adjusted millage rate. Following a roll call vote, the ordinance was declared approved (5-0). Ordinance 4822:

AN ORDINANCE WHICH SETS FORTH THE GENERAL ALIMONY "ADJUSTED" MILLAGE RATE AND ROLL FORWARD TO MILLAGE RATES NOT EXCEEDING THE "MAXIMUM" AUTHORIZED RATE.

There was a motion by Mr. Westerburg, seconded by Mrs. Buxton, to approve an ordinance to adopt the adjusted millage rate for the general alimony ad valorem property tax. Following a roll call vote, the ordinance was declared approved (5-0). Ordinance 4831:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GENERAL ALIMONY "ADJUSTED" MILLAGE REATES IN THE CITY OF WEST MONROE FOR 2020 TAX YEAR.

There was a motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Land, to approve an ordinance to adopt the authorized millage rate for the street maintenance ad valorem property tax. Following a roll call vote, the ordinance was declared approved (5-0). Ordinance 4832:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE STREET MAINTENANCE MILLAGE RATE AND LEVYING THE CORRESPONDING AD VALOREM TAX IN THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, FOR 2020 TAX YEAR.

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mr. Land, to approve a resolution to appoint John Nugent to the West Monroe Fire and Police Civil Service Board. The resolution was unanimously declared approved (5-0). Resolution 764:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN NUGENT TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE WEST MONROE FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, FOR A TERM ENDING AUGUST 29, 2023, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Building and Development:

There was a motion by Mrs. Buxton, seconded by Mr. Westerburg, to approve an ordinance to amend Sec. 12-5042 to 12-5044 of the Code of Ordinances, relating to off-street parking requirements – number of spaces based on usage, size and marking of spaces, design and maintenance of spaces. Following a roll call vote, the ordinance was declared approved (5-0). Ordinance 4833:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-5042, SECTION 12-5043, AND SECTION 12-5044 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, UPDATING OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SPACES BASED ON USAGE, THE SIZE AND MARKING OF SPACES, THE DESIGN AND MAINTENANCE OF SPACES AND RELATED PROVISIONS; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Code Enforcement:

Marie Knight, Code Enforcement official, presented the City Council with a report on the status of Code Enforcement in the city limits of West Monroe.

There was a motion by Mrs. Buxton, seconded by Mr. Land, to table until the September 2020 Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 407 South 1st Street (owner: Michael A. Hayes and Christine Wolff Ford). **Tabled from July.** The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

There was a motion by Mr. Westerburg, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, to table until the September 2020 Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 307 Herman Street (owner: Judith Washington, Sheldon Ralph Armstrong, Charley M. Lee, Jr., Robin P. Lee, Frederick G. Tillman, c/o Jill Goudeau, appointed attorney). **Tabled from July.** The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

There was a motion by Mr. Westerburg, seconded by Mrs. Buxton, to table until the September 2020 Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 808 Crosley Street (owner: Charles H. Brown). **Tabled from July.** [FEMA buyout application pending]. The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

There was a motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Land, to approve an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 904 4th Street (owner: Jimmie Janet Cash Russell). **Tabled from July.** The order was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

There was a motion by Mrs. Buxton, seconded by Mr. Westerburg, to table until the September 2020 Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 402 Crosley Street (owner: Kathleen Shanas Parker). **Tabled from July.** The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

There was a motion by Mr. Westerburg, seconded by Mr. Land, to table until the September 2020 Council Meeting an order to condemn and demolish structures located at 113 Teakwood Drive (owner: Edwin L. Hilton) – tax adjudication to OPPJ on 7/01/2020. **Tabled from July.** The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

Community Services:

There was a motion by Mr. Brian, seconded by Mrs. Buxton, 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(s) for transit services – operating and/or capital (Section 5309, 5311 and/or 5317). Following a roll call vote, the ordinance was declared approved (5-0). Ordinance 4834:

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE 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 TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Engineering/Construction Projects:

Arkansas Road Drainage Improvements (Amethyst Construction, Inc.)

There was a motion by Mr. Westerburg, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, to authorize Change Order #1 (+ \$16,760.00; + 0 days). The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

Commercial Park Frontage Road Drainage Improvements (Merrick, LLC)

There was a motion by Mrs. Buxton, seconded by Mr. Land, to authorize Change Order #4 (+ \$11,590.00; + 110 days). The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

New Black Bayou Lift Station (Dixie Overland Construction, LLC)

There was a motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mrs. Buxton, to authorize Change Order #3 (+ \$5,190.00; + 105 days). The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

There was a motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Westerburg, to authorize Certificate of Substantial Completion. The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

Parkwood Drive Rehabilitation (D & J Construction Company, LLC)

There was a motion by Mrs. Buxton, seconded by Mr. Westerburg, to authorize Change Order #1 (+ \$750.00; + 0 days).

Robbie George (S.E. Huey Co.), City Engineer, presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage, water and other.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Land, to adjourn. The motion was unanimously declared approved (5-0).

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