

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2019

The City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in Council Chambers, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, April 2, 2019, at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Timothy Larkin

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable Councilor Jeff Free, President, Honorable Councilors, David Montgomery, Jr, Timothy Larkin, Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby, Don Williams and Thomas Harvey

Also Present: Mayor, Lorenz Walker, City Attorney, Jimmy Hall and City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve minutes March 19, 2019, Regular Meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Darby

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests

Rashida Dawson with United Way briefed the Council and audience on the recently updated ALICE Report.

Mayor Walker read Proclamation for Bass Pro/Bow Fishing Event and presented it.

Committee Reports-

Robin Jones, Bossier Arts Council – presented the Council and audience with the 1st QTR 2019 East Bank Plaza Update and discussed some of the successes and concerns about the East Bank thus far.

Unfinished Business –

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 33 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM THE 2018 LCDA BOND ISSUE FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE BOSSIER CITY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY

WHEREAS, Bossier City has a strong interest in furthering its commitment to the welfare of animals within the City; and

WHEREAS, adding onto and improving the existing facility will reflect that interest; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 LCDA Bond Issue was initiated for such capital projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in regular session convened, the

Bossier City Council hereby appropriates \$1,000,000 from the 2018 LCDA Bond

Issue to improve and renovate the Bossier City Animal Control Facility.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal

session convened, was on motion of Mr. Scott Irwin, and second by Mr. Timothy

Larkin, and adopted on the 2nd day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Free

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 34 Of 2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$300,000 TO COME FROM THE JAIL & MUNICIPAL CAPITAL BUILDING FUND FOR A RETAINAGE WALL AROUND THE POLICE EVIDENCE AND STORAGE BUILDINGS TO PREVENT FLOODING

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City has made large investments into the building and surrounding buildings for Police Evidence; and to an additional measure to prevent flooding of these investments, this is a reasonable precaution; and

WHEREAS, the City has received several recommendations to preventive measures and Administration has decided this remedy is the solution that has the best cost and benefit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that \$300,000 is to come from the Jail & Municipal

Capital Building Fund for a retainage wall around the police evidence and storage buildings to prevent flooding.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Don Williams, and seconded by Mr. Scott Irwin , and adopted on the 2nd day of April, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Free

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Jeff Free, President

Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

Review bid results for Sewer Sub-Basin BC-14 that were taken under advisement at March 19, 2019, City Council Meeting.

City Finance Director, Stacy Fernandez, went over the City's position on the bids which was to award to second lowest bidder Lawler Construction. Lowest bidder, PM Construction did not comply with all the bid rules and therefore their bid will be rejected. Collis Parrish spoke on behalf of PM Construction requesting for the City to reconsider and outlined their reasons. City Attorney, Jimmy Hall advised Council on City's position and Mr. Parrish's remedies.

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Department.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

New Business –

Witness opening of sealed bids for – Bid#P19-09 – WTP Ozone System Improvement

Axis Construction, LLC.	\$128,000.00
Dixie Overland Construction, LLC	\$138,598.00

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve reading of the bids.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Witness opening of sealed bids for – Bid#P19-02 – North/South Waterline Connection Project (North Phase)

ASB Utility Construction, LLC.	\$1,404,260.00
Belt Construction, Inc.	\$1,923,495.65
Pulley Construction, Inc.	\$2,267,000.00
Wicker Construction, Inc.	\$1,844,185.50

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve reading of the bids.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 35 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE ON A TRACT OF LAND ZONED B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) LOCATED AT 2053 EAST TEXAS, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA FOR NEXT GENERATION THERAPY.

WHEREAS; Amanda Carroll, LCSW has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use approval for Next Generation Therapy, classified as a Community Service in the Unified Development Code and being located at 2053 East Texas, Bossier City, LA; and

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on March 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS; the Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS; the Conditional Use approval shall expire after One (1) year from the date of approval unless the business has begun or the applicant re-submits a complete Conditional Use review application to the MPC.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use, for Next Generation Therapy located at 2053 East Texas Street, Bossier City, LA 71111, is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Don Williams and seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr. to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: Mr. Daby

ABSENT: none

JEFF FREE, PRESIDENT

PHYLLIS McGRAW, CITY CLERK

C-6-19

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 36 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR BAYOU AXE LOCATED AT 509 BARKSDALE BOULEVARD, BOSSIER CITY, LA 71111.

WHEREAS; Bayou Axe, which is classified as Commercial Indoor Recreation in the Unified Development Code, has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use approval for On-Premise consumption of High and Low content alcohol, as approved by the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, at 509 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, LA; and

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on March 11, 2019; and

WHEREAS; the Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS; the Conditional Use approval shall expire after One (1) year from the date of approval unless the project has begun or the applicant re-submits a complete development plan review application to the MPC.

THE CIY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use, for On-Premise consumption of High and Low content alcohol, located at 509 Barksdale Boulevard, Bossier City, LA 71111, is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Don Williams and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted this 2nd day of April, 2019.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

JEFF FREE, PRESIDENT

PHYLLIS McGRAW, CITY CLERK

C-8-19

Hearing to review the recommendation of demolition and removal of a dilapidated structure located at the following legal address: 1741 School Street, Bossier City, LA. 71112.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to continue item to the April 16, 2019 Agenda at request at Attorney Robin Harvill.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance levying a tax of 23.36 Mills on all taxable property within the limits of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, for the year 2019, and providing the manner of assessment and collection thereof.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance modifying Chapter 14, Animals, of the Bossier City Code of Ordinances.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$9,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance to cover the update to the City of Bossier Code of Ordinances.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$148,374 to come from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund to be used for the operational needs of the Centurylink Center.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance appropriating \$350,000.00 from the 2019 EMS Capital and Contingency Fund to purchase 2 Chassis for ambulance remounts and to fund a remount of an existing chassis.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to introduce an Ordinance declaring 3.1 acres of property surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing the sale of the property described in Exhibit "A" to the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the construction of a new Central Library for the appraised value of \$800,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance re-appropriating \$400,000.00 from the Northgate Road Capital Project Appropriation.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$250,000 to come from the 2018 LCDA Bond Fund for the Municipal Complex Camera System – Phase I.

Seconded by Mr. Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to appropriate \$12,200.00 to come from the Sales Tax Capital Contingency Fund to be used to contract with ESRI Consultants to facilitate moving current GeoDataBases to new servers to include training and technical support.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to declare certain movable equipment owned by City of Bossier City as surplus to the City's need and provide for salvage and disposal according to law.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Montgomery, Jr.

Motion to approve Report of Change Order #4 for the East Texas Gravity Sewer Main Project for an increase of \$147,731.72. Total cost of contract with Change Order \$2,893,755.20.
Seconded by Mr. Larkin
No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Harvey

Motion to introduce an Ordinance to authorize the City to enter into an agreement with KTBS Television Station to promote the East Bank District Plaza and fund Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to come from the Hotel Motel Fund to facilitate the Freedom Fest Friday Events to be held from May 31, 2019 through June 28, 2019.
Seconded by Mr. Larkin
No comment
Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM by Mr. Free

Respectfully submitted:

**Phyllis McGraw
City Clerk
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