

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

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, Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member James Rogers

Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member David Jones

Roll Call as Follows:

Present: Honorable Scott Irwin, President; Honorable Councilors David Montgomery, Jr., Timothy Larkin, Jeffery Darby, Don Williams, David Jones, Dr. James Rogers

Absent: none

Present: Mayor Lorenz Walker, James Hall, City Attorney, Phyllis McGraw, Deputy City Clerk, Helen Thornton, City Clerk

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to approve minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to add the following to the agenda: Introduce Ordinance to adopt an amended General Fund Budget for 2008

Seconded by Mr. Williams

(No public comment)

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to add to agenda: Introduce Ordinance to adopt an amended Water/Sewer Fund Budget for 2008

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

(No public comment)

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to add to agenda: Introduce Ordinance to adopt an amended Public Services/Sanitation Fund Budget for 2008

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to add to agenda item No.1 (new): Introduce Ordinance to adopt the Streets and Drainage Fund Budget for 2009

Seconded by Mr. Williams

(No public comment)

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Darby

Motion made to add to agenda: Comments from Mayor Walker under ceremonial matters.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

(No public comment)

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to add to agenda: Comments from Marshal Johnny Wyatt under ceremonial matters

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

(No public comment)

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Mr. Montgomery ask that item No. 14 (new) be deleted from agenda: Ordinance to complete acquisition of right of way from Red River Motor Company

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve agenda as amended

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Ceremonial Matters:

Mayor Walker announced the recognition that Bossier City received recently in ‘Business Week’ naming our City number one to raise your kids. Mayor Walker thanked our Fire and Police Departments for making our City one of the safest in the state.

Marshal Johnny Wyatt presented a signed copy of the book ‘Caught In The Web’ (inside the police hunt to rescue children from online predator) by author Julian Sher. Marshal Wyatt thanked the Council for their support.

ORDINANCE NO. 92 OF 2008

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.

WHEREAS, the City has accumulated certain movable equipment which is now surplus to the City’s need and it is in the best interest of the City to salvage and dispose of said equipment according to law.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the following equipment described is surplus to the City’s needs:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>REF. NO.</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
<u>DEPT.</u>		<u>MILEAGE</u>

1. 2001 Chevy Impala	1330	2G1WF55K319319280
Police Dept.	89,175	
2. 2002 Dodge Ram ¾ T PU	2344	3B6KC26ZA2M308262
Trans. & Dist.	88,471	
3. 2002 Dodge Ram ¾ T PU	2345	3B6KC26Z22M308261
Trans. & Dist.	91,582	

HOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to dispose of said equipment in accordance to law.

The above and foregoing ORDINANCE was read in full at open and regular session convened, was on motion of Dr. James Rogers, seconded by Mr. David Jones and adopted on this 18th day of November, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones and Dr. Rogers

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Scott Irwin, President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Streets and Drainage Fund Budget for 2009.

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the General Fund Budget for 2009

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Discussion

Mr. Williams commented on his concerns with the budget: spending of too much money, transferring of monies; Civic Center revenues

Mr. Jones stated the Civic Center was a necessary service for the City of Bossier City just as is parks and recreation

Mr. Darby stated his concerns with an increase in every City department's budget

Mr. Buffington stated there will be a 13% increase in the City's health insurance for 2009

Mr. Darby is also concerned with the increase budget for four governmental agencies that receive money from the City and also over spending.

Mr. Larkin commented that the City has done a good job on utilizing the earnings from the Riverboat funds and the public needs to know that information on these budgets were presented to the Council a month ago and they did have a workshop with every department head for the City.

Mr. Montgomery stated that when he came into office that the Council's goal was set not to use gaming revenue and he feels that goal has been met.

Motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Jones, Dr. Rogers

Nays: Mr. Williams, Mr. Darby

Abstain: none

Absent: none

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Water and Sewer Fund Budget for 2009

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Public Services & Sanitation Budget for 2009

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Sales Tax Fund Budget for 2009

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Property Tax Budget for 2009

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Civic Center Budget for 2009

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Fire Improvement & Operations Budget for 2009

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Jail & Municipal Building Budget to 2009

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Public Health & Safety Trust Fund Budget for 2009

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Larkin

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Hotel/Motel Taxes Fund Budget for 2009

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Emergency Medical Services Fund Budget for 2009

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt the Centurytel Center Fund Budget of 2009

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance supporting and authorizing \$65,000.00 to come from the Hotel/Motel Taxes Special Revenue Fund for the City of Bossier City's support for the 2009 Bass Masters Classic.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt an amended General Fund Budget for 2008

Seconded Mr. Jones

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jones, Dr. Rogers

Nays: Mr. Williams

Abstain: none

Absent: none

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt an amended Water/Sewer Fund Budget for 2008

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to adopt an amended Public Services/Sanitation Fund Budget for 2008

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, meeting adjourned at 3:50PM by President Scott Irwin.

Respectfully submitted:

**HELEN THORNTON
CITY CLERK**

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