

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2009**

The City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in Council Chamber, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 3:00PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Timothy Larkin

Roll Calls as follows:

Present: Honorable Scott Irwin, President; Honorable Councilors, Timothy Larkin, David Montgomery, Jr., 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: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve minutes of the Special Meeting March 31, 2009 and Regular Meeting April 7, 2009 and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to add to agenda at the request of James Hall the following: Introduce Ordinance authorizing the City of Bossier City to enter into a local services agreement with the Parish of Bossier and authorizing the Mayor to execute any documents in furtherance thereof.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve agenda as amended

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following bids read by Steve Westbrook:

A. Terrazzo Floor for Civic Center for Engineering Department

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| 1. American Terrazzo Co. | Base Bid- \$216,600.00 |
| | Alternate #1 -\$69,500.00 |
| | Total Bid - \$286,100.00 |

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to approve reading of bids

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

B. Tinsley Football Concrete Drive for Engineering Department

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| 1. Blount Brothers | \$70,000.00 |
| 2. Bowmans Grading & Asphalt | \$62,614.12 |
| 3. C W & W Contractors | \$73,375.00 |
| 4. Darin Bailey Inc. | \$61,933.00 |
| 5. Douglas Construction | \$72,280.00 |
| 6. Ernest Hart Construction | \$93,900.00 |
| 7. F.J. Burnell | \$63,375.00 |
| 8. Pro Build Construction | \$64,052.00 |
| 9. Ronald G. Carlson | \$67,743.75 |
| 10. Whitlock Construction | \$84,020.00 |
| 11. William N. Carter | \$102,000.00 |
| 12. Williams Enterprises | non-responsive |

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve reading of bids

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

C. Bossier City Garage Annex addition for Engineering Department

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. A & R General Contractors | \$668,000.00 |
| 2. Boggs & Poole Contracting | \$644,000.00 |
| 3. Daren Bailey, Inc. | \$703,987.00 |
| 4. Douglas Construction | \$724,553.00 |
| 5. Hand Construction | \$698,000.00 |
| 6. Integrity, Inc. | \$764,000.00 |
| 7. M & M Builders | \$693,898.00 |
| 8. Precision Builders, Inc. | \$669,000.00 |
| 9. Pro Build Construction | \$716,411.00 |

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| 10. SFC Contract Services | \$820,000.00 |
| 11. Sumrall Construction | \$781,100.00 |
| 12. Brown Builders | \$699,900.00 |

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

D. Concrete Repairs City-Wide 2009 for Public Works Department

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. C W & W Contractors | \$1,197,650.00 |
| 2. F. J. Burnell, Inc. | \$922,200.00 |
| 3. H & H Contracting | \$1,197,800.00 |
| 4. Ronald G. Carlson | \$1,251,200.00 |
| 5. SFC Contract Services | \$1,822,320.00 |
| 6. Williams N. Carter | \$1,243,000.00 |
| 7. William Enterprises LLC | non-responsive |
| 8. RMD Holding | \$1,493,300.00 |

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

E. 2009 on-demand concrete repairs for Public Works Department

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. C W & W Contractors | \$273,340.00 |
| 2. F.J. Burnell | \$212,350.00 |
| 3. SFC Contract Services | \$381,974.00 |
| 4. William N. Carter | \$392,600.00 |
| 5. Williams Enterprises LLC | non-responsive |
| 6. H & H Contracting | \$397,290.00 |

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 21 OF 2009

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$4,317,000 TO
COME FROM THE 2008 UTILITIES BOND FUND
TO BE USED FOR THE 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER**

WHEREAS, the 2009 Capital Improvement Projects for Water and Wastewater have been identified

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Bossier City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby appropriate \$4,317,000.00 to come from the 2008 Utilities Bond Fund to begin the 2009 Capital Improvement Projects

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Jones and seconded by Mr. Timothy Larkin, and adopted on the 21st day of April, 2009, 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

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 22 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$481,640 TO COME FROM THE 2007 BOND ISSUE TO BE ADDED TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED \$420,485 TO BE USED TO CONTRACT WITH COYLE ENGINEERING FOR THE EXPANDED DESIGN OF SWAN LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FROM I-20 AT INDUSTRIAL DRIVE TO SHED ROAD.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 2008 appropriated \$420,485 from the 2007 Bond Issue to be used to contract with Coyle Engineering, Inc. for the design of Swan Lake Road Improvements from U.S. Highway 80 to Shed Road; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the overall project has been expanded to start at I-20 at Industrial Drive and extend in a northerly direction to intersect U.S. Highway 80 at Meadowview Drive and then proceed in a northerly direction to the intersection of Swan Lake Road at Shed Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened does hereby appropriate an additional \$461,640

to come from the 2007 Bond Issue to be added to the previously appropriated \$420,485 to be used to contract with Coyle Engineering for the expanded design of the Swan Lake Road Improvements to extend from I-20 at Industrial Drive to Shed Road.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

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. David Jones, and adopted on the 21st day of April, 2009, 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

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 23 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$80,000 TO COME FROM THE 2007 BOND ISSUE TO BE USED TO CONTRACT WITH AEP/SWEPCO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ALONG TRAFFIC STREET FROM BARKSDALE BOULEVARD TO BROADWAY STREET.

WHEREAS, construction of improvements along Traffic Street from Barksdale Boulevard to Broadway Street will provide for new pavement, sidewalks and decorative lighting; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide an aesthetically pleasing streetscape, the City Council desires that all electrical infrastructure along this route be put underground as much as practical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened does hereby appropriate \$80,000 from the 2007 Bond Issue to be used to contract with AEP/SWEPCO for the installation of underground electrical infrastructure along Traffic Street from Barksdale Boulevard to Broadway Street.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby and seconded by Dr. James Rogers, and adopted on the 21st day of April, 2009, 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

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 24 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$55,500 FROM THE SALES TAX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND TO BE USED TO CONTRACT WITH MCSWAIN ARCHITECTS FOR THE DESIGN OF THE NORTH BOSSIER PARK TENNIS CENTER CLUBHOUSE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City, the Bossier Parish Police Jury, and the Bossier Parish School Board will joint venture on the North Bossier Park Tennis Center Expansion to include at least four (4) new clay tennis courts and a new clubhouse with a total budget of \$1.4 Million; and

WHEREAS, the proposed clubhouse will include new restrooms with showers, pro shop, meeting room and viewing areas with a total building budget of \$800,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened does hereby appropriate \$55,500 to come from the Sales Tax Capital Improvements Fund to be used to contract with McSwain Architects for the design of the North Bossier Park Tennis Center Clubhouse.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Jones and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on the 21st day of April, 2009, 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

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 25 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$11,106 FROM THE 2007 BOND ISSUE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN OF A JOGGING TRAIL UNDER THE UNION PACIFIC RAIL BRIDGE AT THE ARTHUR RAY TEAGUE PARKWAY.

WHEREAS, \$200,000 was budgeted in the 2009 Capital Improvements Budget for a continuation of the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway Jogging Trail to extend from the trail terminus south of the Union Pacific Rail Underpass to DiamondJack's Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, specialized engineering is required to run the jogging trail under the Union Pacific Rail Bridge which Neel-Schaffer is prepared to do; and

WHEREAS, all other design of the completed jogging trail shall be done by the Bossier City Engineer's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened does hereby appropriate \$11,106 to come from the 2007 Bond Issue Capital Projects Fund to be used to contract with Neel-Schaffer for the engineering design of a jogging trail under the Union Pacific Rail Bridge at the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any and all instruments in connection with the furtherance of this Ordinance.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Jones and seconded by Dr. James Rogers, and adopted on the 21st day of April, 2009, 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

Public Hearing was held to endorse the City's application to the United States Department of Justice to participate in the Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, any law enforcement initiative funded by the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program was implemented by H.R. 3036 and, in part, supports a broad range of law enforcement activities to prevent and control crime; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Bossier City possesses legal authority to apply for and receive a JAG grant award; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City will make application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for a joint award, to be shared between the Parish and the City, under this authorization for the purpose of providing extended law enforcement services to the citizens of Bossier City, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Bossier City names the Chief of Police as his designee for the purpose of signing the grant application and other grant documents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City, in conjunction with the Bossier City Police Department, agrees to meet all grant requirements and to execute all proposed projects related thereto in a timely manner.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, hereby supports Mayor Lorenz Walker, Chief Executive

Officer of Bossier City, and Chief K. M. Halphen, Chief of Police, in making application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeffery Darby, seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on this the 21st day of April, 2009 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

RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2009

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING QUESTIONNAIRE
FROM LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR AND CITY'S
ANSWER THERETO.**

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire from the Legislative Auditor covering period, 1-1-2008 thru 12-31-2008, and City's answer thereto all of which are on file with City Clerk, are hereby adopted. A copy of this questionnaire and answers will be furnished to the City's certified public accountants, KPMG Peat Marwick.

The above and foregoing Resolution, was read in full at open and legal session convened, as on motion of Mr. David Jones and seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby and adopted on the 21st day of April, 2009 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: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to appropriate \$230,000.00 to come from the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund to be used to replace a section of the Village Square West Subdivision retaining wall adjacent to the Rusheon Middle School ditch.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a "White Street Abandonment Map".

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a drainage easement dedication to provide for a drainage ditch along the southern border of South Fork Estates, Unit 1.

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to introduce Ordinance authorizing the City of Bossier to enter into a local services agreement with the Parish of Bossier and authorizing the Mayor to execute any documents in furtherance thereof.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Mayor stated he is still gathering information for the City Council about tornado sirens for the city. He did estimate that fifteen towers would be needed with a cost of \$500,000.00. He will have more information at a later date.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, meeting adjourned at 3:39PM by President Irwin

Respectfully submitted:

HELEN THORNTON

CITY CLERK

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