

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 16, 2009**

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, June 16, 2009 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member James Rogers

Pledge of Allegiance by Council Member David Montgomery, Jr.

Roll Call 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: James Hall, City Attorney, Phyllis McGraw, Deputy City Clerk, Helen Thornton, City Clerk.

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting June 2, 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 the agenda Resolution rejecting all bids on Public Work bid #P09-13/4-09 Walbrook baseball field improvements.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to amend agenda

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Ceremonial Matters:

Chief Mike Halphen presents the "Life Saving Award" to Officer Michael Hardesty, Officer Nicole McArthur, Officer Steven Jones and Officer Carl Liddell

Chief Mike Halphen presents the Police Commendation Bar to Officer Matthew Hannah and Officer Justin Dunn.

Councilman Williams presents plaque to Councilman Rogers for his years of service to the City of Bossier City.

Lynn Austin proclaims Tuesday, June 16, 2009 "Councilman James Rogers Day". Councilman Rogers is retiring June 30, 2009 after 16 years as member of the City Council, District 5.

By: Mr. Darby

Approve reappointment of Ms. Clara M. Taylor as the resident Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Bossier. Term effective July 9, 2009 and expires July 8, 2014.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Ms. Taylor was present at meeting.

The following bids read by Steve Westbrook, Purchasing Agent:

A.	Village Square retaining wall for Engineering Department:	
1.	C W & W Contractors	\$294,210.00
2.	E.R.S., Inc.	\$247,500.00
3.	F J Burnell	\$312,345.00
4.	Integrity, Inc.	\$205,836.00
5.	Shiloh Contractors	\$214,000.00

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

B.	North Bossier Park Tennis Clubhouse for Engineering Department	
1.	Carter Construction Co.	\$1,308,000.00
2.	Daren Bailey, Inc.	\$1,375,000.00
3.	Hand Construction Co.	\$1,266,000.00
4.	Integrity, Inc.	\$1,498,300.00
5.	Precision Builders	\$1,544,000.00

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve reading of bids and revisit with low bidder on estimate of this project.

Seconded by Mr. Montgomery

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

C.	Bossier City Hwy 511 widening for Engineering Department	
1.	C W & W Contracting	Base Bid: \$1,617,523.00
		Alt # 1 : \$175,544.00
		Total: \$1,793,067.00
2.	F J Burnell, Inc.	Base Bid: \$1,198,121.65
		Alt. # 1: \$134,934.20
		Total: \$1,333,055.85

3. H & H Contracting	Base Bid:	\$1,278,004.70
	Alt. # 1:	\$120,910.00
	Total:	\$1,398,914.70
4. RMD Holdings	Base Bid:	\$1,428,202.20
	Alt. # 1:	\$195,012.00
	Total:	\$1,623,214.20
5. SFC Contract Services	Base Bid:	\$1,442,086.80
	Alt. #1:	\$166,782.80
	Total:	\$1,608,869.60

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion made to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 43 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WASTE WATER MASTERPLAN CONTRACT WITH CDM TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGN AND INSPECTION OF A NEW HEADWORKS AT THE RED RIVER WASTE TREATMENT PLANT. AMENDED FEE IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$831,800 BASED ON A CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$9,800,000 BRINGING THE TOTAL CONTRACT WITH CDM TO \$1,931,800.

WHEREAS, CDM will design and inspect a new head works at the Red River Waste Treatment Plant.

WHEREAS, The Fee for Basic engineering services during construction shall be determined from Fee Curve A from the ASCE MOP 45, 1981 Edition with a 1.1 multiplier and shall be lump sum. Total fees for the project are as follows:

Basic Engineering Services - $\$9,800,000 \times (6\%) \times 1.1 = \$646,800$
 Surveying - \$45,000 (paid at cost to OWNER)
 Geotechnical - \$50,000
 Resident Inspection - \$90,000 paid at \$60/hour

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Bossier City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby amend the waste water master plan contract with CDM to provide for the design and inspection of a new head works at the Red River Waste Treatment Plant.

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. Don Williams and seconded by Mr. David Jones, and adopted on the 16th day of June, 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. 44 Of 2009

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR LORENZ WALKER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT INCLUDING MOWING AND LITTER PICKUP FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010 WITH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA DOTD.

WHEREAS, annually the City of Bossier City enters into an agreement with the State of Louisiana DOTD for maintenance of certain State Roadways located within the municipal limits of Bossier City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Mayor Lorenz Walker is hereby authorized to execute the attached maintenance agreement with the State of Louisiana DOTD for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

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 16th, day of June, 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. 45 Of 2009

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$24,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO ENGAGE PUBLIC SOLUTIONS GROUP LTD. TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL USE AND A CLEAN AIR PLAN IN THE CITY OF BOSSIER.

WHEREAS, the City of Bossier City has access to abundant natural resources which could be used to implement an alternative fuel strategy for City vehicles and private citizen vehicles in and around the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, lower emissions from these alternative fuels will assist with air quality non-attainment issues faced by the City of Bossier City; and

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of such a program, the City of Bossier City needs to establish a baseline emission report for the vehicles owned by the City; and

WHEREAS, grant money may be available from the Department of Energy (DOE) for the implementation of certain aspects of this strategy; and

WHEREAS, Public Solutions Group, Ltd. has a wide range of expertise to assist Bossier City in its implementation of an alternative fuel strategy and with its clean air efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that \$24,000 is hereby appropriated from Unappropriated General Fund Balance to engage Public Solutions Group, Ltd to develop a strategy for alternative fuel use and a clean air plan in the City of Bossier City.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor Lorenz Walker is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents in furtherance of said authorization.

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 Mr. David Jones, and adopted on the 16th, day of June, 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. 46 Of 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO ENLARGE THE LIMITS AND BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY BY ANNEXING THE STREETS OR HIGHWAYS REFERENCED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, certain streets and highways lay within the general corporate limits of Bossier City but have not been annexed previously; and

WHEREAS, this presents jurisdictional problems for public safety officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the following streets and highways only are annexed into the City Limits of Bossier City:

1. **Viking Drive from Airline to Swan Lake Drive.**
That section of Viking Drive that generally begins at the East boundary of the First United Pentecostal Church located at 2833 Viking Drive and running easterly to the West boundary of the Viking Drive Church of Christ located at 3791 Viking Drive. This section of Viking Drive also being generally described as beginning approximately 2,900 feet East from the Airline Drive/Viking Drive Intersection and continuing easterly for approximately 1,400 feet. This section of Viking Drive Right-of-Way being approximately 1,400 feet long.
2. **Interstate 220 from Airline Drive West to the middle of the Red River.**
Beginning at the City Limits where I-220 overpasses the Union Pacific Rail Line and thence run within the I-220 Right-of-Way in a westerly direction to the center line of the Red River with total length of the I-220 Right-of-Way to be annexed being approximately 10,500 feet.
3. **Hickory Ridge Drive.**
That section of Hickory Ridge Drive Right-of-Way running within "Hickory Ridge Estates" Subdivision, Block A and also running from the intersection of Coy Road/Hickory Ridge Drive to the entrance of "Carriage Oaks Crossing" Subdivision. This section of Hickory Ridge Drive being approximately 1,300 feet long.

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 16th, day of June, 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. 47 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$13,800.00 FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND SANITATION FUND FOR A STUDY OF THE SOLID WASTE DROP-OFF FACILITY FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Drop-Off Facility is over 25 years old and in need of renovation with up to date equipment, improvements in safety and appearance up-grades; and

WHEREAS, such improvements will enhance the facility not only for the operator but for the citizens of Bossier City as well; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will provide funding for professional services to study industry practices, review state-of-the-art equipment available and analyze the current condition of the existing facility to propose modifications, prepare constructions budgets and otherwise provide information which will allow this process to move forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that \$13,800.00 is hereby appropriated to complete this study.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Dr. James Rogers, and seconded by Mr. David Jones, and adopted on the 16th day of June, 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. 48 OF 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$20,405 FROM THE BOND ISSUE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO BE USED TO CONTRACT WITH CIVIL DESIGN GROUP ENGINEERS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE THE ENGINEERING DESIGN OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS AT THE SWAN LAKE ROAD/SHED ROAD INTERSECTION AND THE SWAN LAKE ROAD/VIKING DRIVE INTERSECTION AS PART OF THE OVERALL PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO SWAN LAKE ROAD (SHED ROAD TO I-220 SECTION).

WHEREAS, Civil Design Group has contracted with the City of Bossier City to provide engineering design of Swan Lake Road from Shed Road to I-220; and

WHEREAS, previous ordinances (Ordinance 119 of 2006, Ordinance 31 of 2007, Ordinance 63 of 2007 and Ordinance 116 of 2007) have collectively appropriated \$613,775 for Civil Design Services to date; and

WHEREAS, Civil Design Group proposes an additional fee of \$20,405 for the design of traffic signals systems at the Swan Lake Road/Shed Road and Swan Lake Road/Viking Drive Intersections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened does hereby appropriate \$20,405 to be used to contract with Civil Design Group Engineers to provide engineering design of traffic signal systems at the Swan Lake Road/Viking Drive Intersection and the Swan Lake Road/Viking Drive Intersection as part of the overall proposed improvements to Swan Lake Road (Shed Road to I-220 Section).

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 16th day of June, 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. 49 Of 2009

AN ORDINANCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF WEATHER WARNING SIRENS AND WEATHER RADIO WARNINGS

WHEREAS, the Bossier City Council desires more information regarding weather warning sirens and/or weather radio warnings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the City of Bossier City (“City”) will contract with American Signal to conduct a study of weather warning sirens and/or weather radio warnings at no cost or obligation to the City.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Dr. James Rogers, and seconded by Mr. David Jones, and adopted on the 16th, day of June, 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 an additional \$61,000.00 to come from the Sales Tax Capital Improvements Fund to be added to the already

appropriated \$115,000.00 to be used to construct the Bossier City Municipal Complex Information Services optional standby generator.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to appropriate \$193,991.00 to come from the Riverboat Gaming Capital Projects Fund to be used to contract with Mike McSwain Architects for the design of the proposed Fire Station No. 5 to be located on Swan Lake Road.

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Chief Sammy Halphen thanked Dr. Rogers for all of his years of support for the Bossier City Fire Department.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to appropriate an additional \$15,000.00 to come from the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund to be added to the previously appropriated \$40,000.00 to be used to contribute toward the purchase of New Bossier Parish Aerial Photography.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to declaring two Crown Victoria vehicles with approximately 100,000 miles each as surplus to the needs of the City and authorizing donation of the same to the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

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

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Dr. Rogers

Motion made to introduce Ordinance authorizing the execution of a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Bossier Levee District and the City of Bossier City to make repairs and improvements to Lateral B-1 and the Bossier City ditch (the Village Lane Ditch Project)

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

A Public Hearing was held endorsing the City's application to the United States Department of Justice to participate in the Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Chief Mike Halphen present

No Public Comment

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 11 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 purchasing equipment thus 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 Dr. James Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jeffery Darby, and adopted on this the 16th day of June, 2009 by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones and Mr. Darby

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Absent: none

Scott Irwin, President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to continue to the August 4, 2009 meeting the following:
Hearing to review the recommendation of demolition and removal of dilapidated structure located at the following legal address: 916 Garden Street, Bossier City, Louisiana (Owner: William C. Norris)

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve report of Change Order for Centurytel paving repairs and increase of \$30,983.00. Total cost of contract with increase \$690,729.00

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Councilman Jones nominates Councilman Don Williams for Council President for a one year term. Term effective July 1, 2009

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to elect Councilman Williams by acclamation

Seconded by Dr. Rogers

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Councilman Williams nominates Councilman David Jones for Council Vice-President for a one year term. Term effective July 1, 2009

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to elect Councilman Jones by acclamation

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 12 Of 2009

**A RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL BIDS ON PUBLIC WORK BID #P09-13/4-09
WALBROOK BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.**

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated for the referenced project were in the amount of \$550,000; and

WHEREAS, all base bids exceeded the appropriated funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the bids for Public Works Bid #P09-13/4-09, Walbrook Baseball Field Improvements are hereby rejected..

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. David Jones, and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted on the 16th, day of June, 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

Councilman Montgomery stated it has been an honor to serve with Dr. Rogers all these years on the City Council.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, meeting adjourned at 3:48PM by President Irwin.

Respectfully submitted:

HELEN THORNTON
CITY CLERK

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