

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2010**

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, January 5, 2010 at 3:00PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Irwin

Pledge led by Council Member Don Williams

Roll Call as Follows:

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

Absent: none

Present: Mayor Lorenz Walker, Helen Thornton, City Clerk

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve minutes of the December 15, 2009 meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Darby

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve agenda with one amendment: item # 2 (new) should read 365 instead of 635 and approve agenda

Seconded by Mr. Darby

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Reports:

Mr. Craig Spohn, Cyber Innovation Center, gave Council update on the innovation park stating that the 8th Air Force will be a tenant occupying three floors on the center.

ORDINANCE #1 OF 2010

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2010 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 1, 2009 FOR TECHNICAL ERRORS
INCLUDED IN THE POLICE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE
DEPARTMENTS AS PROVIDED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBITS.**

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has identified certain technical corrections that need to be made in the General Fund adopted by the City Council on December 1, 2009 to reflect the amounts that are representative of the Council's amendments and calculated accurately given those assumptions are used uniformly for all departments.

WHEREAS, it has been identified that the Police and Building Maintenance contained errors that required correction.

WHEREAS, the Police Department budget included a specific line item for Educational Incentive Pay that was eliminated by Council amendment.

WHEREAS, the Building Maintenance budget included an incorrect calculation for the Municipal Employee Retirement contribution.

WHEREAS, in order to correct the budget documents to reflect the intent of the Council amendment these technical changes should be made.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Bossier City does hereby approve these technical amendments, deleting Educational Incentive Pay from the Police Department Budget and correcting the Municipal Building Budget for Municipal Employee Retirement contribution.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Darby and seconded by Mr. Irwin, and adopted on the 5th, day of January, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jones

NAYS: Mr. Knight

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

Ordinance No. 2 Of 2010

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A HIRING FREEZE, WAGE AND SALARY FREEZE AND PROMOTION FREEZE.

WHEREAS, in order to balance the General Fund Budget for 2010 a reduction in the number of employees was required; and

WHEREAS, certain expenses are beyond the control of Bossier City Government, i.e., Police Pension, Fire Pension and other employee pension contributions based on actuarial analysis conducted by the retirement systems, health insurance costs and certain salary expenses related to mandatory cost of living adjustments for public safety employees, along with incidental salary expenses related to supplemental pay; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these increased expenses and in order to maintain a balanced budget additional reductions in personnel will be required through attrition by the implementation of a City Council hiring freeze as well as a freeze on all cost of living adjustments not required by law, and a freeze on a wage or salary increase and/or promotions not required by law.

WHEREAS, the goal of this ordinance is to reduce expenses and personnel through attrition and budgetary controls to assist in adjusting expenses to the revenues of the City of Bossier City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that effective upon the passage of this ordinance there shall be implemented a city wide hiring freeze disallowing the hiring of any personnel for any position without specific authorization of the Bossier City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that no wages or salaries shall be increased or cost of living adjustments implemented or promotions made except those required by law.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all promotions and other deviations from this ordinance shall be reported to the council in the monthly finance presentation presented by the Mayor and/or Finance Director to the Bossier City Council.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall not affect the operation of the Bossier City Court which is operated under separate authority.

The above and foregoing Ordinance was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Irwin, and seconded by Mr. Montgomery, and adopted on the 5th, day of January, 2010, by the following vote: (Discussion and Statements on this Ordinance recorded on audio and video)

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Darby, Mr. Jones

NAYS: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Knight

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don Williams, President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

The following Ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$10,145 TO COME FROM THE 2007 BOND ISSUE TO BE ADDED TO THE ALREADY APPROPRIATED \$902,125 TO BE USED TO CONTRACT WITH COYLE ENGINEERING FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL DESIGN FOR SWAN LAKE ROAD AT U.S. HIGHWAY 80.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1 of 2008 and Ordinance No. 22 of 2009 appropriated a total of \$902,125 for Coyle Engineering, Inc. to design Swan Lake Road from Interstate 20 at Industrial Drive to Swan Lake Road at Shed Road; and

WHEREAS, a total redesign of traffic signals is required at Swan Lake Road at U.S. Highway 80, which Coyle Engineering Inc. will provide for a total additional fee of \$10,145, making the total contract to be \$912,270.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby appropriate an additional \$10,145 to come from the 2007 Bond Issue to be added to the already appropriated \$902,125 to be used to

contract with Coyle Engineering, Inc. for the traffic signal design for Swan Lake Road at U.S. Highway 80.

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. Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jones, and adopted on the 5th day of January, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

Don W. Williams, President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

Hearing to review the recommendation of demolition and removal of dilapidated structure located at the following address:

1740 Scott Street, Bossier City, Louisiana

Present: Joe Dean, Code Enforcement

Robin Harvill, Curator ad hoc for owner

Ms. Harvill stated unable to communicate with owner Carrol Felix Hunt or Ernesta Hunt Family Trust. Discussed proceedings with Diann F. Harvill, officer of Silver Rock, L.L.C., who acquired parish tax title interest and stated the company had not interest in matter.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made for immediate demolition and removal of dilapidated structure at 1740 Scott Street, Bossier City, Louisiana.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Darby

Motion made to introduce Ordinance granting unto Southwestern Electric Power Company certain provisions (listed in Ordinance) for franchise Agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Present: John Hubbard, Southwestern Electric Power Company

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AT AN R-FD LOCATION, 365 BOARDWALK BLVD., BOSSIER CITY, LA, FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF LOW AND HIGH CONTENT ALCOHOL AT A RESTAURANT.

WHEREAS, CHRISTOPHER L. WILLIAMS has applied to the Bossier City-Parish, Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use at an R-FD location, 365 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City, LA, for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a restaurant, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held on December 14, 2009, 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.

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

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at an R-FD location, 365 Boardwalk Blvd. , Bossier City, LA 71111 is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

adopted this 5th day of January, 2010.

YEAS Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Darby, Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

DON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

C-55-09

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AT A B-3 LOCATION, 1701 OLD MINDEN RD., SUITE 37, BOSSIER CITY, LA, FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF LOW AND HIGH CONTENT ALCOHOL AT A PRIVATE BANQUET FACILITY.

WHEREAS, BELLA ARMORE WEDDINGS & BALLROOM has applied to the Bossier City-Parish, Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use at a B-3 location, 1701 Old Minden Rd., Suite 37, Bossier City, LA, for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a private banquet facility, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held on December 14, 2009, 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.

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

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a B-3 location, 1701 Old Minden Rd., Suite 37, Bossier City, LA 71111 is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Irwin to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

adopted this 5th day of January, 2010.

YEAS:Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

DON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

HELEN THORNTON, CITY CLERK

C-56-09

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AT A B-2 LOCATION, 1011 CHINABERRY SQUARE, BOSSIER CITY, LA, FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF SPECIALTY BEER AND WINE AT A GIFT SHOP.

WHEREAS, CHINABERRY'S has applied to the Bossier City-Parish, Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use at a B-2 location, 1011 Chinaberry Square, Bossier City, LA, for the retail sale of specialty beer and wine, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held on December 14, 2009, 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.

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

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for the retail sale of specialty beer and wine at a B-2 location, 1011 Chinaberry Square, Bossier City, LA 71111 is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

adopted this 5th day of January, 2010.

YEAS:Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

DON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

HELEN THORNTON, CITY CLERK

C-57-09

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AT AN R-FD LOCATION, 100 BOARDWALK BLVD., BOSSIER CITY, LA, FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF LOW AND HIGH CONTENT ALCOHOL AT A BAR WITHIN A BISTRO AT A HOTEL.

WHEREAS, PAVAN HOSPITALITY, LLC/COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT has applied to the Bossier City-Parish, Metropolitan Planning Commission for a Conditional Use at an R-FD location, 100 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City, LA, for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at a bar within a bistro at a hotel, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the application was held on December 14, 2009, 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.

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

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for on-premise consumption of low and high content alcohol at an R-FD location, 100 Boardwalk Blvd., Bossier City, LA 71111 is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Irwin and seconded by Mr. Jones to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly

adopted this 5th day of January, 2010.

YEAS: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none

DON WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT

HELEN THORNTON, CITY CLERK

C-58-09

By: Mr. Darby

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to declare certain water treatment equipment installed in the Bossier City Water Plant as surplus to the City's need and provide for salvage and disposal according to law.

Seconded by Mr. Jones

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, meeting adjourned at 4:12PM by Mr. Williams.

Respectfully submitted:

**HELEN THORNTON
CITY CLERK**

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